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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Famous Presbyterian Denounces Socialism, Modernism of N.C.C.

Dr. Charles S. Poling, Until Last June the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona, Proves the National Council of Churches Is Pro-Communist, Modernistic, That It Misrepresents the Churches, That Churches Should Withdraw From It and Christians Should Not Support It

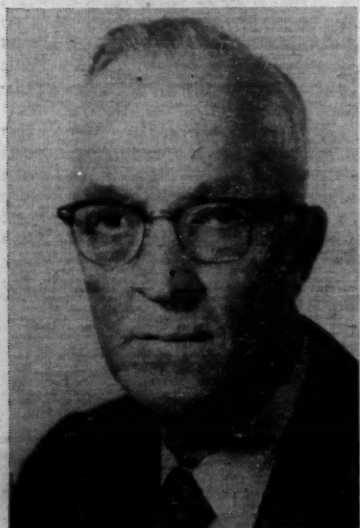
Recently the First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas, after very careful deliberation, petitioned the American Baptist Convention (formerly called Northern Baptist Convention), to withdraw from association with the National Council of Churches. The Convention turned down the request. That church, one of the largest, some say, the largest in the Convention, then withdrew officially from the American Baptist Convention. A minority took the matter to court, led by Convention leaders trying to seize the properties of that church, but the court officially decided that a Baptist church is independent, that it can co-operate or not co-operate with the Convention, that if it is doctrinally loyal to the position on which the church was founded, that the church's status as a Baptist church is not changed by co-operating or not co-operating with the Convention. At great expense modernistic leaders tried to seize the church building and stop the movement of Bible-believing churches and pastors from the American Baptist Convention. They failed.

On every side Bible believers and loyal-Americans have been greatly distressed by the pro-communistic leanings, the socialism, the modernism, the unbelief and the misrepresentation of the churches by the National Council of Churches.

In the United Presbyterian Church, Dr. Charles S. Poling, brother, I understand, of Dr. Daniel Poling, famous editor of the *Christian Herald*, took a clear stand that the United Presbyterian Church should withdraw from the National Council of Churches and should not support it. He took a stand against tendencies toward a super, world church. On the floor of the Presbytery of Phoenix, he made his position clear.

However, Christian businessmen insistently pressed the matter and Dr. Poling said he felt compelled to make a statement which was prepared and read after the service.

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Dr. Charles S. Poling

Getting Ready to Meet God

"Prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 4:12.

By the late Dr. George W. Truett
Forty years pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

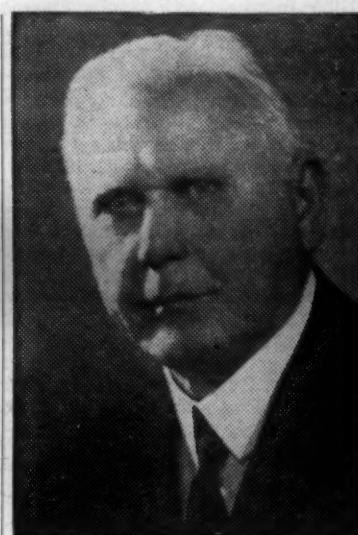
It would be very interesting if we might know the experiences that God's people have had today in this community, as here and there they have had conversations with others about personal religion. I am constrained to ask how many Christians gathered in this large assemblage tonight have made it a point to speak an earnest word with somebody today

about personal religion? Did you do your best? Were you faithful? Then you may gladly leave the result with God.

And now I come to ask if every Christian listening to me will not make it a point—a point of conscience—will not put it upon high principle, to speak to somebody, even to as many as you may and ought, about personal religion, before we come here to this tent again tomorrow night? Can't you give an hour to that weightiest of all matters, the effort to help others in the right care of the soul? And if it could not be an hour, couldn't it be half an hour? And if it could not be half an hour, couldn't it be half a dozen minutes?

Tell me, is there any Christian here who, for any cause, should allow tomorrow to pass without speaking to some soul about being right with God? I beseech you, my fellow-Christians, do your best now to help those who need you in the realm of religion. The Lord be your constant inspiration and help in this heavenly work of shepherding souls!

For quite awhile now there has been a word thrust into prominence, through the press and from the platform, all over this land and in other lands. That word is "preparedness." Its meaning is at once evident. In recent times its meaning has been associated with the realm of military, and in such realm its meaning is entirely plain.



Dr. George W. Truett

The word is an equally suggestive one in the realm of education. Oh, what a summons there is today to the young people all over the land to get ready for life's work—to be worthily prepared. And this word "preparedness" is an equally worthy word in the important realm of business. And certainly, in the highest realm of all, the realm of religion, this word "preparedness" has an immeasurably important meaning. Our text points the lesson for us in five little words, quite familiar, but to

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"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"

A message by Dr. John R. Rice given on the nation-wide "Voice of Revival" broadcast

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."—Ps. 55:22.

Think with me about some wonderful ways in which we are to cast our burdens on Him and He will sustain us. God wants us to take more than to give. He wants you to let Him give to you, not to obtain for yourself. Believing is better than doing. Asking and receiving mercy, like that poor publican in the temple, is better than boasting of goodness, like the Pharisee. So you will honor God more if you will open your heart and take what He has to give you; if you would let God do for you what He wants to do; if you let Jesus be the Saviour He wants to be.

I. Jesus Wants to Carry ALL Your Burden

It is true that God in loving mercy lets us work for Him. But that is incidental and secondary. The first thing God wants anybody to do is to let Jesus be his Saviour. That thought is often repeated in the Bible: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." In I Peter 5:7 the Lord gives this sweet command in very much the same language, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

My good friend, Dr. Harry Clark, song leader for Billy Sunday for eight years and my song leader for two years, wrote a little chorus:

"He careth for you,
He careth for you,
Mid sunshine and shadow
He careth for you."

So "casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" is the command of God.

Isn't that what Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Oh, the Lord wants you to come and let Him carry your burden. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

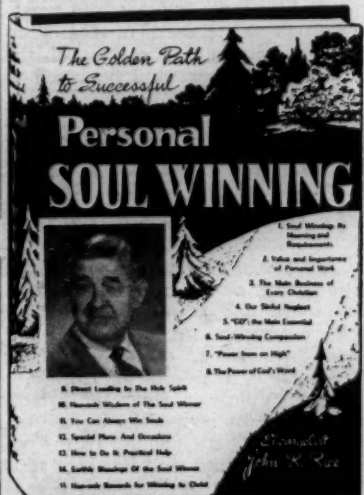
You will find the praises of the psalmist again and again for what God had done for him, not what he had done for God. In Psalm 34

he said, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." So you do well to say, "I will let God do for me, let Him carry my burdens." That is what Philippians 4:6 means, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

1. We Must Let Christ Do the Saving

Now think about this matter, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." First, in the matter of salvation we should remember that the Lord wants us to cast the whole burden of salvation on Him. We talk about salvation by grace, but the

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By Jessie Rice Sandberg

Back to the Routine

At last—we are home!

No one would deny that an occasional break in the routine of living is a good thing. Vacations and outings help to refresh our minds and bodies. When our times away from home and regular duties are combined with some kind of service for the Lord, then we are doubly blessed. But after all is said and done, is there any traveling or vacationing which can equal the joy of coming home?

After almost ten long, summer weeks away, our little house seems so pleasantly comfortable and familiar. The old routine of washing dishes, making beds, fixing meals, and scrubbing floors has suddenly become a delightful and fulfilling responsibility. The very "sameness" of the day's schedule brings with it a sense of restfulness after the summer of hectic, exciting activity at camp. And what a relief it is to discipline my children, or kiss my husband, or merely to break into singing anytime I like—all in the privacy of my own home! I couldn't help but notice the extra eagerness husband Sandy felt at getting back to his work-a-day world, too. He actually acted excited when the alarm went off at its regular early hour this morning!

I used to wonder just what the

Scripture could possibly mean when it said that God had cursed the ground for our sakes. Who would imagine that the hard work which comes with weeds and germs and dirt and disorder could be for our blessing? Most of us would argue that life would certainly be much happier if clothes did not get soiled and worn quite so quickly, and if our work stayed "done" just a little longer. But the Lord in His infinite wisdom and mercy knows that daily, regular toil not only keeps us out of trouble, but it actually makes us happy as well. The very fact that we have to do the same old jobs over and over again provides us with the security of a routine and a purpose.

How inadequate life must seem to people who have no special requirements on their time and efforts. Often a man who has worked regular hours all his life finds that his health and well-being are actually impaired by too much sudden leisure and lack of routine. Many an older person dies, not because his strength has been used up, but because he no longer has a daily responsibility to make life worth living. Certainly there is an adverse effect on one's emotions

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This is Monday morning, September 4, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Yesterday I spoke on the radio and three times at the Berean Baptist Church with Dr. Ford Porter. Dr. Porter is a long-time friend, and is on the board of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. His work is prospering. There were some four hundred in Sunday School yesterday. His "Berean Gospel Distributors" has put out many millions of tracts around the world in fifty languages, particularly the little tract, *God's Simple Plan of Salvation*. He is the president of the Indianapolis Bible Institute with evening classes for two hundred. The summer camp for boys and girls has won two hundred souls this summer.

We had five professions of faith yesterday and two others joined the church. This morning I speak at the closing exercises of the summer camp, then drive to Danville, Illinois, where I speak this afternoon and tonight for a Labor-Day meeting of the men of the Conservative Baptist churches of the Danville, Illinois, area. Then tomorrow and through the week, we will have four days of intensive conference on revival and soul winning at the First Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. Jack Hyles and Evangelist Walt Handford.

Our Blessed Friends

I rejoice in the way God is blessing some special friends of the Sword of the Lord and members of our Co-operating Board. Bob Jones University is opening with over three thousand students, eight or nine hundred ministerial students and are having to turn people away. God has blessed that "World's Most Unusual University" with some twenty-two million dollars' worth of assets, the finest campus.

Dr. Lee Roberson was with us the other day at the Bill Rice Ranch and he says there were forty-eight additions to the famous Highland Park Baptist Church on August 20, and many are being saved each week. The prospects for Tennessee Temple Schools for the year are very bright.

Dr. Monroe Parker of Pillsbury College called last week asking me for an engagement there. The new girls' dormitory will not be available through most of the first semester, so they are temporarily housing young men in the two gymnasiums, in faculty homes, etc. for the crowded school. The new dormitory for women will house

one hundred and all the space will be needed soon when they move the girls out of the dormitory now to be used for men. A strong school financially, with a campus worth one and a third million dollars, an out-and-out Christian atmosphere, and strong educational standards, Pillsbury College fills a greatly needed place.

Dr. Harold Sightler of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, writes me that their big Sunday School has held up well this summer. On a recent Sunday they had over sixteen hundred in attendance.

The regular attendance of the Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Dr. Beauchamp Vick, pastor; and of the High Street Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, Dr. Bill Dowell, pastor, are two of the largest in the world, though we do not have their summer attendance figures. Praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the friends of the Sword of the Lord!

Could You Put the "Voice of Revival" on the Radio in Your Area?

The "Voice of Revival" broadcast is sponsored on a number of stations by Christian friends. It may be that you or a group of business men, or your church, could sponsor the "Voice of Revival" broadcast, with this editor preaching, for a thirty-minute broadcast on a radio station in your area. Some stations would use the broadcast as a sustaining feature; others for a reasonable cost. I suggest that our friends pray and investigate the possibilities of this way of spreading the Gospel. We greatly appreciate those who help us so.

We very seriously need to pay off broadcast bills incurred during the slack summer months. There is a need of several thousand dollars now. Will you who read this pray earnestly, then send whatever gift you can to help us pay these broadcast bills on stations through which we are able to reach millions of people with the Gospel? Please write John R. Rice, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, and join us in earnest prayer for God's blessing and provision for this broadcast.

With Drs. Tom Malone and Jack Hyles

I am most grateful to God to have the help of Dr. Tom Malone and Dr. Jack Hyles in the conference on revival and soul winning at Danville, Illinois, this week. On one recent week, Dr. Tom Malone tells me, his people went out from house-to-house and won personally fifty-five people to Christ, besides those saved in the regular church services. The strong Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, continues to grow and God's great blessings continue in the Midwestern Baptist Schools of which Dr. Malone is president.

I am told that Dr. Jack Hyles saw 675 public professions of faith

in the second year of his ministry just closed at First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. God is blessing.

Both these men will be with me in other conferences on revival and soul winning in the near future, two of the greatest soul winners and the greatest preachers in America.

Friends Provide the Editor With a Tour to the Holy Land in February

Last Thursday morning, with the connivance of Vice-President Walt Handford and my secretary, Miss Viola Walden, Dr. Jack Hyles and other friends came over and took charge of devotions at the Sword of the Lord office at 8:00 a.m. Then Dr. Hyles revealed that he had contacted many friends who had provided money for a trip to Palestine for this editor, in the Bob Jones Tour, February 11-27. Dr. Jack Hyles graciously took the initiative in the matter. The trip has already been paid, and in addition, I was given a check to pay air-line fare to New York where the tour begins. And they had already contacted Rev. Paul Raker of Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and arranged for our great conference there to be put on earlier, February 5-9, so the way would be clear for me to go.

As Ken Chamblin, song leader for Dr. Hyles, sang in devotions, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," I thought how wonderful it will be to walk where Jesus walked in Galilee, in the ruins of Capernaum where He once taught, in Jerusalem, and up Calvary! You may be sure I will make many notes for reports to THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers on that wonderful trip. I would not have felt free to use my own money for the trip when so much is needed for the radio broadcast, the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund and the Free Literature Fund. But now that it is provided by loving friends and through God's mercy, I shall greatly enjoy that tour which I have long wanted to make.

Thank you friends who helped, and thank God for putting it in the hearts of people to provide this great blessing.

Have You Money That You Would Invest As a Loan to the Sword of the Lord?

In September and October it is necessary to pay off a number of heavy loans, because notes will be due and the money needed elsewhere. We will pay off some of these loans through current income, but for others we will need to borrow. Would you like to lend the Sword of the Lord some money on a long term loan, for one, three or five years? We pay four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Thus you get interest on your money and you are helping in the Lord's cause. It will be a great favor if our friends can lend us the money we need. As soon as the money is received, a note will be signed by the president and treasurer of the Sword of the Lord Foundation and embossed with the Foundation's seal and returned to the lender.

Fundamental, Bible-Believing Churches Should Put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in Their Church Budget

A number of churches have put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in their budget and send us a check each month. This work is a nonprofit work, chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois.

The "Voice of Revival" broadcast must be supported by the offerings of God's people. Our Free Literature Fund that has sent millions of pieces of Christian literature around the world, and still cannot meet the supply, must be supported by God's people. Our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund requires thousands of dollars. Besides these matters

Millions of People Are Underfed
Millions of People Need Warm Clothing
Millions of People Need Salvation
Millions of People Long for the Touch of a Loving Hand

INCIDENTS

and Illustrations

by
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

The Successful Failure

This work-weary world is filled with illustrations of individuals who have climbed the ladder of success, rung after rung, until they reached the top—only to find that the supposed satisfaction was not there. The newspapers told the story the other day of another heart-breaking example of this bitter truth.

Thirty years ago a young man by the name of Fred Meyer had an opportunity to buy a potato chip route for \$22. He scraped the money together somehow and went door-to-door on the University of Wisconsin campus selling his chips to finance his schooling. After a while he expanded his business by adding cookies and other tidbits.

Business was so good he eventually bought his own potato-chip machine for \$50 and began his own production. Next he borrowed money and bought a delivery truck. By 1938 his profits had increased to where he bought his own plant and was hiring people. By 1960 his company, Red Dot Food, Inc., had plants in eight cities, and President Meyer noted with satisfaction that his business had grossed 14 million dollars that year.

Throughout the three decades of operation, Meyer had wanted to keep the business in his own hands and had persistently refused to sell any Red Dot stock. On the other hand, he wanted his business to continue to grow, and in April of this year he succumbed to the temptation of merging with the firm of a long-time friend, Herman Lay. Lay's company was a larger producer of snacks than Meyer's and the merger placed them in the national market. This made Meyer, the university student who had to work his way through school, a major voice in a multi-million dollar national concern at the age of 51.

But the supposed sweet joy of success was not there. A "deep depression" was noted by Meyer's wife and his associates because the company wasn't all his any more. About a month after the merger, Meyer went into the upstairs bedroom of his spacious home, took a shotgun and, with a single blast, ended his life.

Meyer was a successful failure. Somewhere along the line he had missed out on the real values of life.

Just how can a man attain real joy and real satisfaction in life? The answer, of course, is found in a right relationship with his Maker.

Lord Ashley, before he charged at the battle of Edge Hill, made this short prayer: "O Lord! thou knowest how busy I must be this day; if I forget thee, do not thou forget me."—Hopkins.

we, in one recent year, gave \$56,000 worth of books to ministerial students in colleges, Bible institutes and seminaries. The work is carefully administered, every dollar is used as thriftily as we know how. This editor takes no salary, gets no income from Sword of the Lord Foundation. Money given to this work of getting out the Gospel is pure missionary giving, and we believe will get more results for God than given in nearly any other way.

Will you suggest that your church put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in its budget for some regular amount?

Those who believe the Gospel ought to stand by the men and institutions out in front taking the odium and reproach necessary to stand up for Christ and the Bible and to lead the way. This work deserves the support of God's people.

A good many individuals send a gift each month for this work. Will you prayerfully consider doing the same? We are glad to answer any inquiries. Address Editor John R. Rice, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

er. David acknowledged in Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). The life that wins is the life that is yielded to Jesus Christ!

"Holiness is not what we may do or become in mere self-activity or self-culture, but it is the sense of a separated quality in one who lives on a footing of intimacy and oneness with God."—Bushnell

Nobody Wants to Work

I was very interested in a full-page advertisement which appeared recently in the *Minneapolis Tribune*, entitled, "The Highly Paid Jobs That Few Men Want!" A subtitle said, "An insurance executive tells why so many men hesitate to sell insurance."

The advertisement was in the form of a message written by Roland L. Allen, vice-president in charge of sales for Group Health Mutual, Inc., of St. Paul, Minnesota. Summed up in a nutshell, the author's conclusion was that the average man just does not want to work as hard as successful insurance selling necessitates.

But the thing about the advertisement that interested me the most was the fact that the same principles involved in successful selling of insurance are the principles involved in successful soul winning. Remember that Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 9:37, 38: "The harvest truly is PLENTIFUL, but the LABORERS are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth LABORERS into his harvest."

Mr. Allen, in his advertisement, summed up the two reasons why men avoid the insurance business as follows: "It is hard work that frightens most people away from insurance—hard work and the feeling that personal selling is distasteful."

"But the thing that bothers new men even more than long hours is this: he has to talk about sickness and death and premium payments to people who don't want to think about these things."

"This is the heart of the matter: Unless a man is willing to do something he doesn't want to do, he will fail in selling."

"Selling insurance is hard, tough, disappointing work. It attracts the man who wants to dig into a problem and come up with a solution . . . the man who can take turn-downs, indifference, cynical smiles, and excuses one after another until the fourth and fifth man comes along with whom he strikes a responsive chord."

If you left out the words "insurance," "selling," "premium payments," etc., and substituted words like "soul-winning" and "salvation," you would have an ideal explanation about why every church has so few soul winners and so many who never win a soul to Christ year after year. *The laborers are truly few!*

In describing the kind of a man who succeeds in selling insurance, Mr. Allen said: "We know that the most successful insurance men study constantly in a self-improvement program that extends into nights and weekends. Actually, the one single characteristic all our men share is a real determination to help people." The same is true in soul winning, although the second sentence could better be summed up for the soul winner as "a passion for souls" rather than "a real determination to help people."

Anyone willing to "pay the price" in hard labor can be a soul winner by following the program of Psalm 126:5, 6: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru September 24:
Immanuel Baptist Church
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Allen, Nebraska

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First Baptist Church
Zeeland, Michigan



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Let Readers Tell You What Sword Has Done!

By Viola Walden

The letters which come to the Sword of the Lord office are amazing in the stories they tell of souls saved, of ministers helped, of missionaries encouraged, and of common Christians who find light on life's problems and inspiration and help in knowing the will of God through these pages. If we could find words to tell of the marvelous transformations wrought by the Gospel messages in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and Sword literature, we would hardly be believed. The truth is stranger than fiction, and it often seems too good to be true. Let the readers themselves tell you what the Sword has and is doing.

"I can assure you that through your great kindness in sending me the paper many others have been blessed," writes Rev. Robert Fairnie of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who further adds, "My copies are sent out to a missionary in Africa, and this upheaval in the Congo has sent many of my friends home again but they ask me to continue to send them the Sword."

"As to choosing one sermon I received the most blessing from—that is like trying to decide which diamond shines most brightly . . . Receiving THE SWORD OF THE LORD is like going shopping once a week—it contains enough spiritual food when read with the Bible to last the entire week through, and still have some to feed the hungry traveler who may stop by." Thank you Amy Dering of Desplaines, Illinois, for writing.

Mr. Edgar Turner has a splendid idea: "I am a Sunday School superintendent of a new work and have been sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to all who come to our church, also to many others . . ." He lives at Mira Loma, California.

Mrs. M. L. Brown of Columbia, South Carolina, wrote a very interesting letter for Letter Month which we deeply appreciate. "Your books and paper have taken the place of Mother's knee for me. I don't feel a lack of early Christian training as I did before . . . I feel I can trust your paper in a day when few writings outside the Scriptures themselves can be trusted."

The SWORD came at a trying time in the life of a dear lady in Augusta, Georgia, who writes as follows:

"I don't know how my daughter's name and address was found by you people, but it was truly a blessing in disguise for me. For at this particular time I was going through one of the most trying times of my life (domestic problems). Therefore I am reaching in every direction for something to carry me on, not forgetting that God is all that is needed. But my faith sometimes seems so little. So in reading THE SWORD from cover to cover, it has helped me to reach out a little farther and know that God is all and all. Thank you again for sending it our way."

From Baltimore, Maryland, another tells what THE SWORD means to him, using the Scripture: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Ps. 68:11):

"This year has been the year of awakening for me, because this is the first time I ever received your wonderful, revealing paper. My eyes were closed to the things that have been going on in this world by the followers of modernism, worldliness, and formalism. And I was one of them! Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for showing me the 'light.' Mr. Hultman goes on to tell what he likes especially about the SWORD and suggests we give short biographies of men whose sermons we use."

Mrs. A. V. Meador of Ponca City, Oklahoma, has sent THE SWORD OF THE LORD as a missionary project to friends and loved ones, "carrying these subscriptions for a year or two or until they can see its value for themselves. Many have renewed for themselves or upon my notifying them that it is renewal time and that I would be

glad to send their subscription in for them. It is my happy privilege to send you seven renewals (including my own) at this time . . ."

And that is a very worthy missionary project she has undertaken.

Here is another man who, every time he has a problem on his mind, has it answered in the next issue of the SWORD, "fantastic as it seems," he says. "I get so that after I pray about it, I am sort of expecting the answers now."

"During Christmas I gave all the men that I work with a one-year subscription to the SWORD, twenty-one in all. Some were saved and some were not. A little later on two of these men accepted Christ as their Saviour. I cannot say for sure that the SWORD did it, but deep in my heart I am convinced that this is so. I am enclosing a money order for one thousand 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'"

Then dear Brother Mills goes on to say this:

"Recently three of us, two more men who feel the way I do about your work, have sponsored your radio program over our local station for a half hour period. Being of average income, we signed for one year, three months we are certain of payments, but for the nine we go on faith. I must confess that I had looked forward to hearing your voice and I was mildly surprised upon hearing you. Due to your sermons in the SWORD I was all ready to have been eaten up with your sermon, but such was not the case, and I must say that I have never heard another preacher who can match your style. I love every moment of it . . ."

Many people write how they have a certain matter come up in which they need help, and the very next issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD has the answer! Mrs. Getz from Ashland, Ohio, is an example.

"Week after week as something enters my mind, the following week your paper carries the answer from the Word of God. The Lord supplies our need both spiritually as well as physically. For example, someone had asked me if I knew where it said in the Bible, 'He looked through a whole in the wall.' The reference as well as an explanation was in your paper! A friend of my husband asked him what it means to be born again. We had received your paper that day with complete explanation of what it means to be born again! It explained the new birth even more clearly than we could, and had Bible references with it!"

"Last week a friend of my brother-in-law's (whose brother-in-law is a new convert) died in sin. This week the article, 'Dead Men Tell Tales' was so clearly written and vividly pictures Hell according to God's Word!"

She closed by saying, "I will make a special point to pray for your ministry starting right now."

That reminds me of the Scripture, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isa. 65:24).

Brother John Maquire of Victoria, British Columbia, who is nearing his ninety-second birthday, says he has been a reader of the SWORD since it was two months old and "it is getting better all the time . . . In all my years of giving the SWORD I have only had two who told me they did not want it any longer. I think that is a good record."

Mrs. Alice L. Lanier of Malone, Texas, moved and she asked us to change her address with these words, "Please be prompt as the paper is in my blood stream. Needless for me to tell you how much it means to a lonely old lady as it never grows stale."

Now this is the way to keep down the family arguments! Her husband is very wise: "My husband says we should get two of THE SWORD OF THE LORDS be-

cause we both want to read it at the same time." Mrs. Wiley Welch is a puzzle fan from Phoenix, Arizona, and she ordered more books.

Music and Educational Director Rev. Chase of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri, is making sure that he has THE SWORD OF THE LORD for the next three years at least. "After being a subscriber for about ten years, I let my subscription run out about a year ago. I am very sad to say my spiritual life has suffered as a direct result . . . I was converted in the Navy at a Youth for Christ Rally in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1944 and immediately went to sea. For about a year the only earthly pastor I had was the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in my life."

He asked for a three-year subscription.

I do not know where this man is stationed, since he has an APO number, but I do know that he is thankful for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. "Out here we Christians find it one of the few sources of 'food' outside of our Bibles. We support the chaplain and his work but chapel sermons are 5-10 minutes long and are definitely 'skim milk.'"

He sends a subscription to his wife back in Baltimore, Maryland.

We were interested in this letter from Mrs. A. F. Fairhead of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, who eagerly devours the SWORD: "You might like to know that I would rather read THE SWORD OF THE LORD than eat or anything else I can think of. They don't come often enough and they aren't nearly big enough. I never retire the night of the day my paper comes until I've read every word of it. I would give up my TV set gladly, but never my subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

Staff Sergeant Howard Van-Winkle is in the navy and has been receiving THE SWORD for six months. "Some of the articles have helped me personally to grow closer to the Lord. Since a friend first gave me one of your papers and later the subscription to it, I have been baptized and joined the church; now feel the need to bring these glad tidings to others . . . pray that God will show me the way that I can serve Him best."

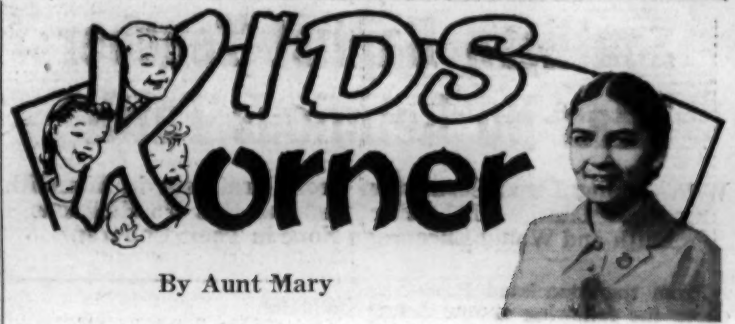
Another good deed by a friend. "Round and round she goes, and where she stops, nobody knows"—an old saying, but so true when we spread the Gospel.

"The Lord has been good and merciful to let our family live in the same generation as Dr. John R. Rice and the Sword of the Lord. We rejoice as much as those in the past who were contemporaries of such God-blessed men as Dwight L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, Billy Sunday and others," writes Mr. and Mrs. George M. Klingler of Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Klingler sponsors the "Voice of Revival" on his local radio station for which we are very, very grateful.

The pastor of the Electra Community Church of Electra, Texas, Rev. Joe Wilson, encouraged us by saying: "Of all the periodicals that cross my table, the SWORD is way ahead in fire and fervency."

I believe that we should simply set out to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every foreign missionary in the world who wants it. That means that thousands of dollars must be given to our Missionary and Ministers Subscription Gift Fund. Would you like to take the missionaries of some area, or of one denomination, or of one Board, and pay for THE SWORD OF THE LORD to go to them? Please consider how much encouragement and blessing you could give to these saintly and burdened and lonely men and women of God by sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Enough has been given above to show that THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to be sent to unsaved ones. Send it to your own relatives and pray for them! Send it to soldiers,



By Aunt Mary

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Aunt Mary and I have several times joked about what we should do if she were ever too sick to write her column. Well, it finally happened! She has a virus infection, not very serious, but is miserable and doesn't feel like writing.

We are here at the Bill Rice Ranch, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, this week for the Sword Family Conference. Each day Aunt Mary has had a class with the boys and girls, singing choruses and motion songs, telling Bible stories illustrated by flannelgraph figures, and reading each day a story from *Birdlife in Winston*. I have taught the older boys and girls, eleven and twelve. This morning, because Aunt Mary was sick, I have taught the whole group with one mother's help. We had a good time together.

There are many good things about this Family Conference, with something special for every member of the family. But Aunt Mary and I have especially enjoyed meeting many boys and girls, members of the *Sword Bearer's Club* and faithful readers of *Kid's Korner*. Many mothers and dads have told us how each week, on Sunday afternoon, or Friday night, or some other regular time, they read *Kid's Korner* to the little ones in their family, and how they all look forward to that regular routine. Folks have been here from Iowa, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maine and all over the country. And we have enjoyed meeting each boy and girl, with their parents.

We have wished that many others of you could come. But Dr. Rice tells us that we will plan next year to have another Sword Family Conference, so you can begin to make your plans now for next year. Will you plan to come?

In the afternoons we have been playing ping-pong, softball, volleyball, and of course, many have ridden the beautiful horses. Naturally a ranch would have horses! The grown-ups and young ones over twelve have ridden horses, the smaller ones have enjoyed pony rides, and there are even some donkeys about. Doesn't that sound like fun?

The regular services each day

to those in T. B. sanitariums, to men in prison. Send it to unsaved men far and near and pray that God will bless the seed sown. And surely some of it will not return void. And I beg you in Jesus' name help us to give THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every preacher and missionary who wants it. Will you be our

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have been interesting and good, a blessing even to the children.

This is really an interesting place, boys and girls. One of the trails for horseback-riding leads up the mountain past the ruins of some old log cabins, a cemetery where pioneers of the country are buried, and at the top of the mountain are piles of rocks which we believe are Indian altars. Lots of arrowheads have been found over the area. The ranch is fun, and the conference makes it a much better place for a vacation.

Let me tell you the story of a miracle that took place just this morning. Several times during the week it has rained, one day so hard that we could hardly hear the preacher during the meeting. This morning, during the prayer meeting, it began to rain again, and the weatherman said that there would be showers all day long. We were tired of rain, the red mud made it bad for play and the services were hindered. So during the prayer meeting Dr. Rice stopped and said, "Let's ask the Lord to stop the rain so that the services will not be hindered." We prayed right then that the rain would stop before breakfast. And in five minutes the rain had stopped. Before breakfast the sun was out and we had a wonderful, dry, happy day in the Lord.

God did perform a miracle so that the services at the conference would not be hindered.

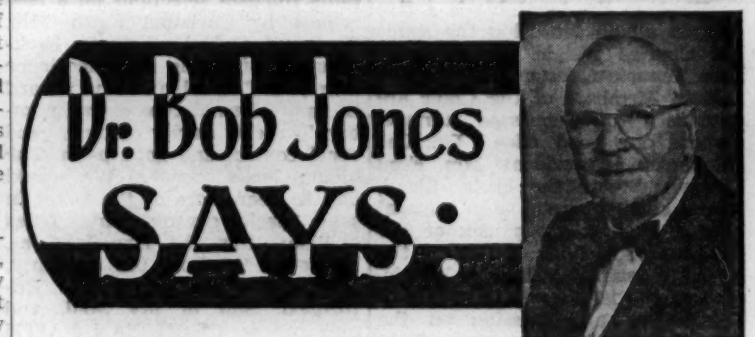
Soon the conference will be over. Aunt Mary will go home to get our children started in school. I will go to Piedmont, Missouri, to preach in a revival meeting. Others will go to their homes. You missed a good time. Perhaps you can plan now with Mother and Daddy for the whole family to come next year to the Sword Family Conference.

I must tell you one good thing that happened this afternoon. A group of us went to Murfreesboro to tell folks we met about Jesus. Twenty-two people trusted Jesus as Saviour. My partner and I talked to a ten-year-old boy, Stevie, who knew he was lost and wanted to be saved. Today he asked Jesus to come into his heart and save him, and trusted Him to do it. Isn't this a wonderful day for Stevie?

And angels in Heaven are happy tonight for Stevie and the other twenty-one people saved.

Aunt Mary is feeling better. You will hear from her next week as usual. Really, I wanted this chance to write you anyhow.

Lovingly yours,
Uncle Chuck



This statement is being released just after my return from a very strenuous evangelistic conference tour and less than a week before the opening of our 1961-62 school year. More and more God is drawing together, as individuals, orthodox, Bible-believing, consecrated, evangelistic preachers and laymen. It is hard for us here to realize what a large part Bob Jones University has had in this movement. We have hundreds of our Bob Jones University "preacher boys" (and many of them married Bob Jones University girls) scattered throughout America; and practically all of them as well as practically all of our other graduates and former students are standing true. They are contending for the faith once for all delivered to the

saints; and, remember, we have not only many "preacher boys" and missionaries but also hundreds of laymen who are just as faithful. Some of these laymen are school teachers; some are in the business world; and some are in other walks of life.

My friends, you who pray for us and who invest some of the Lord's money in the school have a part in the work being accomplished. We need your help. We need your prayers and your financial assistance. Won't you let us hear from you? Please do. Thank you, and God bless you.

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Southern Baptist Teacher "Has No Religious Faith"

Wife Asking Legal Separation From Professor in Meredith College "Charged That Her Husband Has No Religious Faith and Would Encourage None in Their Children"

From the Associated Press we quote the following article dated July 18, from Raleigh, North Carolina.

"The wife of a college psychology professor asked for a legal separation today, claiming her husband attempted to make of her 'a puppet fashioned after his own design.'

"Mrs. Margaret L. Dorsett, mother of four children, said in papers filed in Wake Superior Court that her husband passed himself off as 'a somewhat younger man than he actually was' when she married him nearly 13 years ago.

"At that time, she said, she was a 22-year-old student at Meredith College, and Harry K. Dorsett was her professor and guidance counselor. Her present age was given as 32, and his as 60, in the

complaint.

"Among other things, Mrs. Dorsett charged that her husband has no religious faith and would encourage none in their children. She asked alimony, and custody of the children.

"Dorsett is a professor at Meredith College, a Baptist institution for girls. He also is a clinical psychologist with the State Board of Public Welfare."

Meredith College is a Southern Baptist College, supported in North Carolina by the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. They have had the infidel Nels Ferre there to lecture and Dr. George Buttrick, the editor of the infamous and shocking *Interpreter's Bible*, as speakers. Will North Carolina Baptists continue to support infidels?

It will warm your heart . . . and set your toe tapping. Heart Warming Records-The Benson Company-LPHF 1705

For one who does not even speak the English language well, any other language is purely "Greek." Here is the first totally foreign language album that has ever come to us. The Frank Gonzales Evangelistic Team is made up of Evona and Ron Thompson and Mr. Gonzales, graduates of Bob Jones University. They make headquarters in California and have conducted meetings throughout the United States, in Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, and South Africa. On the album they have the help of the choir of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Los Angeles. Variety is produced by the use of trumpet and vocal solos. The jacket is printed in Spanish. We recognize the tunes and conclude that the album holds these titles: New Name in Glory, Now I Belong to Jesus, I Am Not Worthy, Nothing But the Blood, and Follow Me . . . all sung in Spanish. The singing seems to be warm and sincere. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi-8051.

That brings us to this . . . We have a letter from a missionary in Germany requesting help in finding gospel recordings in the Czech language. After considerable time trying to locate such records and being unsuccessful, we appeal to our readers. If you know where we may obtain gospel recordings in the Czech language please write and give us the details. Record Reviews, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

The Selma Shelley Octet presents thirteen selections on a new release by Christian Faith. Mrs. Shelley has had a strong background of training and experience in music. This album leans toward the more formal type sacred number. There is clarity of tone, good vocal control and good pitch. The album lacks variety. We would like to hear more of the Octet in some special arrangements. Titles include: Now the Day Is Over, Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty, Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned, Sun of My Soul, and nine others. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi 1521 Stereo 521.

There is a soothing restfulness about Hawaiian style music. Bill Bradway and his wife, Jean, are heard in a steel guitar album of familiar gospel songs. After being in the entertainment field they were saved in 1955 and now devote full time to evangelistic work. They have been in meetings in the U. S. and Canada. Mr. Bradway uses a unique triple-neck instrument which he invented. You would enjoy having this album in your home. Some of the titles are: Haven of Rest, The Old Rugged Cross, Whispering Hope, God Will Take Care of You, What a Friend, and Just As I Am. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi-1311 Stereo 311.

Now Thank We All Our God

is the title of an album which features the London Crusader Choir conducted by Rev. Douglas B. Gray. The choir is regarded as the foremost gospel choir in Britain. They have appeared on B.B.C. radio and TV as well as in tours throughout Great Britain, Ireland, Europe and Scandinavia. Mr. Gray also conducts the London Festival of Male Voice Praise, whose album we reviewed some time ago. Paul Mickelson accompanies on piano and organ. The recording was made at Holy Trinity Church in London. Echo sometimes covers up words. Twelve selections . . . My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Praise Ye the Father, O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, Blessed Assurance and others. SUPREME SM-1002

Paul Mickelson combines the secular and the sacred in an album called *Day Is Dying in the West*. Side one presents seven familiar gospel songs among which are: At the End of the Road, Over the Sunset Mountains, No Night There, and Good Night and Good Morning. Side two holds four semi-classical melodies: Just a Song At Twilight, To an Evening Star, Done. Mr. Mickelson plays the N. B. C. Pipe Organ. He is certainly a many-talented man. There is no denying that he is master of Moonlight Sonata, When Day Is the instrument. The gospel songs are played with feeling for their message. The Lights of Home is especially moving and sweet. An excellent instrumental album . . . it would be a fine addition to your home library. SUPREME CM-5001.

Supreme Spectacular . . . is!! The album title is an appropriate one. Sixteen recording artists are presented in a sampler produced by the new recording company headed by Paul Mickelson. Some of the artists are: Ed Lyman, the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Junior Singers, Al Garr, Paul Bergen and George Broadbent. A delightful album with blessing in every band . . . it gives you an introduction to albums available at Supreme. SUPREME SM-1000-D.

So the albums go back into their jackets and the lid comes down on the phonograph. It has been good to have you along this trip. Write to us at the address above . . . and note the addresses of recording companies listed below. 'Bye.

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EVANGELIST PAUL O. RAKER, pastor of Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, held a tent revival August 7-13 with Rev. Ronald Creech and his group from the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. Brother Creech writes to report that the meeting resulted in 13 conversions and 18 rededications. Then there were others who came giving up specific sins. Brother Creech heartily recommends Brother Raker as a man of faith and believing prayer, a soul winner and a truly scriptural preacher.

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Lee Road and Sutton Drive, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a revival recently in the Grace Baptist Church of Easton, Missouri. Rev. William H. Bearson, pastor, writes to report 11 conversions and 31 rededications. He says that God gave renewed compassion for the lost during a time of real discouragement and many spiritual victories were won. He heartily recommends Brother Wilson.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUN-

From the desk of
Viola Walden

What Makes a Good Sermon?

What are the factors that make up your ideal of a good sermon? You might smile and say, "A soft seat and an alarm clock," or you might say simply, "A good preacher." Yet all of us admit that there is more to it than that.

Dr. John R. Rice has written a book of sermons to Christians called, *The Ruin of a Christian*. We believe these sermons illustrate some of the points most needful in effective, easy-to-listen-to, long-to-be-remembered preaching. Check over our points and see if you do not agree.

1. A good sermon should have a pertinent, attractive title.

Agreed? We would have you consider, then, the following, a few of the twelve chapters in the book, *The Ruin of a Christian*:

God's Slaughter Crew
The Ruin of a Christian
Washing Dirty Feet
The Curse of Hidden Sins
Lukewarmness—the Sin That Makes God Vomit

We believe every title in the book will make you want to read it. It is one of those books you often hear about and rarely find—a book you pick up and find hard to lay down until every chapter has been read!

2. A good sermon should be based on Scripture.

Unanimous! What could be more pointless than a sermon with no authority, no Bible backing, no means of proving its points? Here there are four sermons that take their titles direct from the Bible and prove point by point conclusively, irrefutably from Scripture.

Break Up Your Fallow Ground and Sow Not Among Thorns.
Judge Not.
Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers.
Speak Not Evil One of Another Brethren.

You will be amazed at the amount of Scripture quoted, with references given, in these sermons. For instance, "The Ruin of a Christian," the first sermon in the book, begins with two and a half pages of quoted Scripture. And it gives thirty-four other Scripture passages in its text, with the references given in parenthesis. We counted the Scripture references in five of the sermons, and found that they average a little over thirty-one Scripture passages per sermon! That is really Bible-based preaching!

3. A good sermon is practical, affecting everyday living.

A sermon is no good unless it gives us something to live by. Even the most uplifting devotional or inspirational sermon would miss its mark if it added nothing to the life of the hearer. Christianity is a religion to live by, and sermons are profitable to us only as they teach us how to live.

We believe Dr. Rice is singularly adept at making his message

pointed and applicable to life. Note these chapter titles:

The Sin of Lying
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A New Start

4. A good sermon has graphic illustrations, pointed stories that tell the gist of the sermon in a way you can't forget.

Dr. Rice has long been considered a master of picturesque speech, a story-teller par excellence. His illustrations add a homely, easy-to-understand quality that makes his sermons stick in your mind, and burn to be passed on. His up-to-date, vernacular illustrations garnered from a West Texas boyhood, days as college student, college teacher, and athletic coach, years of pastoral and revival experience, will thrill you and move you to action.

Here is a book of twelve sermons you MUST read. They represent sermon-making at its clearest, most compelling, heart-moving best.

The *Christian Herald* said:

"Here is evangelistic preaching with all the fine passion, humor and drama of Dwight Moody. A book for the backslidden—and the careless who stand in peril of backsliding. Twelve sermons that bless and burn—and challenge mightily."

The *Baptist Reflector* said:

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Dr. William Ward Ayer, New York, in "The Calvary Pulpit" said:

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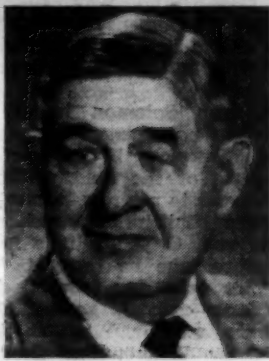
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DR. TOM MALONE, pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac; president of Midwestern Baptist Seminary. Dr. Malone is one of the greatest preachers in America. Prize winner in the 1961 Sword Evangelistic Contest. God has led him in building Emmanuel Baptist Church from a handful to one of the largest and most fruitful in the state. On a recent week his church people won fifty-five souls in house-to-house visitation. Charming, whimsical, scriptural, powerful!



DR. JACK HYLES, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana. God has helped Dr. Hyles change a rich, formal, downtown First Baptist Church into a beehive of soul winning in two years. The first year he baptized 556 converts; had 675 public professions of faith last year. God helped him to take the Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, from forty members to more than four thousand in six years. He is dynamite, a Spirit-filled, life-transforming speaker. Perhaps the best teacher of personal soul winning we know.



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| 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | John R. Rice Why Pray? | Tom Malone | John R. Rice Bread for Sinners | John R. Rice Asking and Receiving | Jack Hyles |
| | | | 15-Minute Intermission | | |
| 10:45 to 12:00 | Tom Malone | John R. Rice God's Way In Soul Winning | Tom Malone | Jack Hyles | John R. Rice Co-operation and Separation |
| Noon Devotions: Christian workers who will eat at Cafeteria together—Testimonies | | | | | |
| 2:00 p.m. | | Tom Malone Supervises census around some co-operating churches. Shows how, trains workers | Tom Malone Shows pastors and workers how to file and use census cards | Jack Hyles Two-hour demonstration on how to win a soul | House-to-house soul winning, supervised by Jack Hyles |
| | | | Supper Time | | |
| 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. | John R. Rice The Soul Winner's Harvest Is White | Tom Malone | John R. Rice Farewell of a Fighter | Jack Hyles | John R. Rice Filled With the Spirit, What and How |
| | | | 15-Minute Intermission | | |
| 8:00 p.m. | Tom Malone | John R. Rice High Cost of Revival | Tom Malone | John R. Rice Outside the Gate With Jesus | Jack Hyles |

Book Reviews

By Editor John R. Rice

BIBLE LIGHT ON DAILY LIFE, Daily Devotions Suitable for Brief Talks, by Philip E. Howard, Jr. Dr. Howard's long and fruitful service as editor of *The Sunday School Times* proved him a solid Bible student, a brotherly Christian, a devoted man of God with a gifted pen. Here are about two hundred brief articles; some are on subjects and some are expositions of Scriptures. They are sensible, sweet, spiritual. The book has 213 pages, Baker Book House, \$2.50.

THE BILLY SUNDAY STORY, the life and Times of William Ashley Sunday, D. D., by Lee Thomas. Dr. Thomas is a pastor, was a friend of "Ma" Sunday, had access to records, letters and material not heretofore published.

This is an important contribution to the biographical report of Billy Sunday's life and works. It is interesting reading; it is friendly, spiritual, and honest, by a friend of Billy Sunday. There are 255 large pages (nearly 6x9), many pictures, and the book is well worth the price of \$3.95. Published by Zondervan Publishing House.

THE ENGLISH BIBLE, A History of Translations From the Earliest English Versions to the New English Bible, by F. F. Bruce. Bruce is called the "most distinguished classical scholar of his day," from the University of Manchester, England. Bruce is scholarly. This big book of 234 pages, 6x9, has important information about history of various English translations of the Bible. Unfortunately, the man has little spiritual apprehension of the issues involved. He thinks an infidel scholar can translate as good as a Spirit-filled Christian. He likes Moffatt's Translation and that of Smith and Goodspeed. He specially admires the Revised Standard Version and praises the New English Version and thinks that J. B. Phillips of the New Testament "is one of the best—perhaps actually the best—for the ordinary reader." He is more interested in English than in accuracy. He likes a para-

phrase as well as a translation. He defends the emendations and the changes in the Masoretic text by the Revised Standard translators. He defends the "young woman" translation of Isaiah 7:14, while it is "virgin" in the quotation in Matthew 1:23, which means that he does not understand verbal inspiration nor necessarily believe in it. He is friendly toward modernists, is not distressed by their unbelief. For mature students who will read the book critically, the information is helpful. For common readers, it is not recommended. The introductory advertisement on the jacket by the publishers regards the Bible as "amongst the greatest achievements of all time as a masterpiece of inspired writing," but does not regard it

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and social well-being where there is no schedule or purpose to control daily activities.

I have a brother-in-law who works very hard as a mason contractor. In the heat of summer and cold of winter he keeps busy at the back-breaking job of laying brick and cement block. For many years he dreaded holidays and Sundays because the lack of activity on those days gave him a headache! Perhaps that is the reason he has kept busy on Sundays helping in the young people's meetings or teaching a Sunday School class of exhausting little boys!

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"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"

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human heart likes to take some of the credit and so makes it work instead of grace. If you can't be saved by working, then some people think you can be saved by crying long enough, or praying long enough, or mourning long enough. No, cast your burden on the Lord in the matter of salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). God doesn't want you to work for salvation.

Some people say, "God will do the saving by grace, if you cry long enough." No! All you can do about salvation is either let God do it or refuse. You can accept or reject it. You can't earn it, can't buy it; you can do nothing to deserve it. You couldn't add one penny's weight to the enormous wealth and burden of the grace of God that paid for our sins. Jesus' precious blood poured out on the cross is so sufficient that all the money, all the jewels, all the heart's burden, all the tears, all the crying to God would not add one thing. To add to the grace of God is to make it less than grace.

"Brother Rice, is it all right to weep?" you ask. Well, weep over your sins—yes, if you feel like weeping. I like to see people concerned about sin and want mercy. But your sobs add nothing to the loving mercy of God. Long before you were born, and since, He has been loving you, running you down. You don't have to get God in the notion to save you. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord."

People say, on this matter of salvation, "Yes—saved by grace but . . ." By that you mean only the first one minute. You mean only until you have trusted Him and He has worked the change in your heart; then you think you will do your part if God does His. Then you think you can hold out faithful. Then you think if you hold on to God, if you stay humble and keep trusting and have no doubts and fears and do not fall . . . you stay saved but that isn't the way the Bible puts it.

You think the Lord does the saving the first ten seconds, then you have to save yourself the rest of your life, with your thoughts, words, deeds, faithfulness, being baptized, joining the church, being confirmed, keeping on praying, giving to the poor, and other things. Oh, how God must get tired of all these things which we count equal to the precious blood of Jesus in buying salvation! But they are no good. Your righteousness is as filthy rags. If you want God to save you, if you let Him save you—that is all you can do. You can't persuade Him. You can't bribe Him. Already the love of the Lord has been poured out. The gift of His Son is so great that you can't get Him to love you more. So if you want God to save you, you must let Him do it. You may cast your burden on Him to save you, but you can't earn it, or do anything else to make God more willing or more ready than He is now. You may take salvation, but you cannot buy it.

I had trusted Christ when I was about nine, but had no assurance for years that He would keep me. I knew I had failed God and so longed to be sure of salvation. After three years, one day I was reading the Bible and came on John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." I said, "Thank God, I have it!" He says I have it because I trusted Jesus. I do not recall that I have ever had a second's doubt since then that my sins are forgiven and my soul is saved. I trusted the Lord; I have everlasting life; the Bible says it, and I believe it.

So cast your burden on the Lord and He never turns one down who comes. He never lets one go who depends on Him. To poor old stumbling Peter the Lord said, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:32). "The Devil can't have you, Peter," Jesus said.

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Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., says, "Happiness is not something that you seek out and find by looking for it. Happiness is something that you stumble over in the road of duty." Even Christian happiness, even the happiness with God, the fellowship with God, the peace of God and peace with God comes by turning it over to the Lord.

There are certain means God has appointed whereby Christians can be happy. Take time with the Bible. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). A baby would be unhappy if he didn't get his bottle. And a Christian will be unhappy, and lean, and hungry unless he learns to feed on the Word. How rich and blessed will be the Christian's life who feeds every day on the Word.

Then there is the time of secret prayer and devotions with God. Talk to God. The Lord says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (Jas. 4:8). Meet God in a secret place, then you will say, "He is here." How do you know? Do you feel Him? No, but God said He would be here. Didn't Jesus say, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"? Doesn't James the fourth chapter say, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you"? You never came in vain. If you meet God, He will meet you.

It is sad sometimes when you keep your part of a bargain and others fail to keep theirs. But nobody ever found Jesus failing to meet a trust, an appointment in a secret place. He said, "Lo, I am with you always." He said, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Don't depend on feeling, but use the means appointed—the Bible, prayer, Christian services with God's people, fellowship of good Christians.

What else? Put no reliance on your feelings, but say, "If God said it, that settled it. I will believe Him."

A married couple needs to get some things settled. It is good for a wife to get settled, "My husband loves me. He told me so." Maybe he has been gone for a long time on some journey; or busy, or otherwise occupied. Maybe the ordinary love-making of young couples has grown into mature understanding. Perhaps he doesn't say it as often as he once did. But it is sweet for the wife to say, "He tells me he loves me. He is honest and good and will do what he said he would. He loves me."

So you can trust God always to meet you where He said He would meet you. When you draw nigh to Him, He is near to you. As Tennyson said, "Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet." And you can cast your burden on the Lord about daily Christian fellowship.

3. The Burden of Sins: Confession to God Takes Away That Burden

But you ask, "What about my sins?" Let me say it reverently. I say it with deep joy in my heart: If you are sick and tired of your sins, that is an easy thing to settle. For in 1 John 1:9 we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When you put your trust in Him and take sides with God, and say, "Lord, I have been wrong. I feel badly about it. I want You to forgive me." He says, "I feel badly about it, too, and I see you and I both feel alike about sin." And when you are honest and confess your sin, and set out to make right that which is wrong, fellowship is restored. And if we walk in the light as He is in the light—the light of His Word—when sin appears, if we confess it and judge it, then He doesn't have to judge us and chastise us. God chastens His children when He has to chasten them for sin, but so often we

could avoid the judgment of God if we would judge ourselves.

4. Daily Needs: Cast That Burden On the Lord Daily

Now I want to talk about casting your burdens on the Lord about daily bread and simple day-by-day needs. So often people feel they can rely on the Lord about spiritual things such as revival and praying for lost people, but they cannot lay their burden on the Lord about ordinary needs.

A noble, good woman once told me, the wife of a college teacher, "I thought one could pray about spiritual things. I pray for my boys [noble, good boys in full-time Christian service now], but I didn't know I could pray for a new rug for my living room." After she heard me preach one night she went home and prayed for a new rug and got it.

The Lord wants us to cast our burden on Him about daily bread, daily needs.

That is what Jesus had in mind in Matthew, chapter 6, in the wonderful Sermon on the Mount: "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Then He said, "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought [that is, don't take any burden, don't take any worry], saying, what shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (vss. 25, 26, 28-32).

The Lord says, "Don't carry this burden."

I remember the first time I quit fretting about needs for myself and my family. I made a proposition: "Lord, if You will look after my business, I will look after Yours." And He seemed to take me up on it. I have done so poorly looking after God's business, but He has really looked after mine. Now for many years for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, this nation-wide radio broadcast, and other burdens of the Lord's work, I sometimes need to pray long and with tears and pleading. But for food, clothes, education of my children and temporal needs such as cars, houses, and such matters, long ago I learned to let my requests be made known to God, then have peace and not carry that load. I do not carry it today and I never intend to carry it again. As for my personal needs and my family, I am trying to put the burden on the Lord. He told me to. That is His command. That is what He wants. That will give Him honor. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee," says the Scripture plainly.

There are many like Scriptures. He is able and He loves you. We are His children, not orphans. The Lord made the sparrows and He cares for them. Not one falls without the Father's knowledge. We are God's own children, born the second time, born of the Spirit of God. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. One of these days we will awake in His likeness. We who suffer with Him will reign with Him. We are not like the lilies and the grass—pretty today but tomorrow dead and then burned. We are children of God and He cares about our clothes, about our food, about our houses, about our furniture, about our cars, about all our needs. So today the way out is to cast your burden upon Him, and He will sustain you, about daily bread and daily needs.

II. Ways to Leave Your Burden On the Lord

How can I cast the burden upon the Lord? There are some secrets here.

1. Put the Lord First

I stopped before I got to Matthew 6:33, but let me read it. In the same passage where Jesus said, "Take no thought of tomorrow . . ." He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Put the Lord first. Look after what pleases God, and He will look after you.

It is wonderful to put God on the spot. I speak reverently. I mean God delights for you to take Him up on a contract. He delights for you to cash the check that He gives you. When God signs His name to a promise, He delights for you to hand that in to the teller's window of the bank of Heaven and say, "I have an order here, signed by Jesus Christ. He said I could have so and so." The Lord delights to give. He is able. If you cast your burden on the Lord about these things, and get busy about God's work, the Lord will say, "That fellow is working for Me. He is anxious about souls. I will sure look after him."

I grew up in the cattle country

in Texas. My father-in-law had an old horse, a tan-colored horse with a black stripe down his back. This saddle horse got old after about twenty years of service. His joints grew stiff and they didn't ride him much any more. What do you think they did? Sell him to the glue factory? No! Shoot him? No! Let him starve? No! He had the best on that rich black farm land and stayed butter-ball fat all the time. He had already done his work. They remembered his twenty years of service; so this saddle horse just grazed. He would come up and get his feed every morning, get his nose rubbed, then strut around. He had already had his life of service; now the good master would not leave him to starve.

Now isn't God better to His servants than that farmer? Doesn't He love the Christian who puts first the kingdom of God and soul winning and the plan of God in his life, and who doesn't take too much time to think about material things? Don't you think that God cares more for that dear child of His than a farmer for an old worn-out horse? You can put God

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on the spot, put Him under obligation. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. If you set out to put God first, you can sure leave it with Him.

2. Giving Sacrificially Makes God Responsible for Your Needs

Now a little modification of that. In seeking first the kingdom of God, we should give. The Lord has so many promises. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). Isn't that wonderful? You give and He will give a bigger bushel than you have got and shake it down good and heap it up and run it over. That is the way God measures back.

A rich man in England years ago was so wonderfully generous that somebody said, "I don't see how you give so much. I would think you would go broke." To which the man replied, "Oh, I shovel out and God shovels in, but God has a bigger shovel than I have."

God has a bigger shovel than

anybody has. He won't let anybody out-give Him. He won't let anybody be a better partner than He is. You can put God in a good position so He will delight to care for your daily needs, if you just throw all you have in His blessed business.

Didn't He say to the Israelites back in Malachi 3, verses 9-10, "Ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Well, with God opening all the windows of Heaven, you will get more in than you give out through the windows on earth. You can guarantee that. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

3. One Who Faithfully Serves God May Let God Care for Oppressors and Enemies.

Now I mention a strange thing. Most of this Psalm is about the

psalmist's enemies. David's enemies. So what the psalmist is saying, among other things, is that you are supposed to cast the burden of your enemies, those who wrong you, on the Lord.

In Luke 18 is that woman who prayed before the unjust judge. We often forget she was praying, "Avenge me of mine adversary" (vs. 3). The Lord Jesus explained the promises and He said, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him" (vs. 7). So the Lord says that on that matter we can cast our burdens on Him and He will work it out.

Over in Romans, chapter 12, the Lord says, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." Then, "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men." And in verses 19 and 20, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." You can trust the Lord

to bring that out.

In some cases I know God has called men suddenly home because they fought the work of His hands. I think God has and I think He will again if it is ever necessary. That isn't my business. My business is to love those who hate me and pray for those who despitefully use me and persecute me. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." All right, Lord, I will leave it to You, then. He will.

So we can cast the burden on the Lord and He will sustain in this matter. Cast thy burden upon the Lord about vengeance. A good Christian will suffer, but among those great blessings of thanksgiving which are given us in Psalm 103:6 is this, "The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." Thank God, the oppressed may look to God and He will bring things out right.

4. In God's Blessed Work Let Him Bear the Burden

Then about the Lord's work, cast your burden on Him. A man said to me the other day, "Dr. Rice, you are sixty-five and I am

sixty-five. We are only a few weeks apart in age. I don't see how you keep going, how you carry the load, the editorial load and speak four or five times a day sometimes. (I spoke six times last Sunday.) I don't see how you do it."

Well, I confess one way I do it: I have such joy in this blessed business. I don't carry the load, but lean on Jesus. My song says—

"I'm leaning on Jesus,
He walks with me over life's road.
I'm leaning on Jesus,
He carries, He carries my load."

Thank God, He does!

Now how can I cast the burden on the Lord about His work? Well, one thing is I will just sow the seed and cast them beside all waters. The Bible says, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). And so I keep on sowing the blessed Word of God. There is dynamite to the Word. Then I rely on the Holy Spirit. God's blessed Holy Spirit who can give the needed power. He has to do the work. It is His Word. It is His plan of salvation and He does it when we trust in Him.

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the last degree suggestive: "Prepare to meet thy God."

I shall not now stop to discuss these five words in their setting, but shall begin my message by asking you, one by one, this all-important question: Are you prepared for your meeting with God? Meet Him you must. Your relations to Him are inescapable: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." It is more serious than that: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Are you prepared for your inevitable meeting with God?

These five little words suggest for us three infinitely important questions. Let us together ask them and answer them as faithfully as we may this Thursday evening. "Prepare to meet thy God"—why? "Prepare to meet thy God"—how? "Prepare to meet thy God"—when? I have asked these questions as simply as it is possible for me to ask them, so that these boys and girls about me, of young and tender years, may know the points that I am seeking to enforce, for it behooves Christ's preacher ever so to preach, not simply that the people may under-

stand him, but so that they must—so that as they go their ways and speak one to another about what they have heard, or ponder it in their hearts, their hearts shall say: "One thing is certain, and that is, we know what the man was driving at." God help us tonight to speak and to hear like we ought. Above all else, we now would pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout this responsible hour!

I. Why Prepare to Meet God?

Let us consider the first question suggested by the text: "Prepare to meet thy God"—why? It would be enough to say that God commands it. Running like an unbroken thread all through His Book is His command to the children of men to make preparation for their meeting with Him. We could rest our case right there. God commands it. When we know the mind of God about anything, it is the part of the highest wisdom for us to relate ourselves obediently to that command. This is God's command. And shall the poor little creature turn in de-

lance away from the great and holy Creator? Shall the human, whose life is utterly contingent upon the divine will, turn away from such will and seek to ignore Him? This is God's command: "Oh, ye children of men, prepare ye to meet me!" And when we have His command about anything, then it is the part of the highest wisdom for us to follow that command without reserve and with all devotion.

1. Because Unconverted Men Are Lost

But the reason for such preparation is revealed to us still further by the revelation God makes in His Book to us. Our condition demands that we shall make such preparation. And what of our condition? There has come to us in our very natures a moral sickness, the name of which is sin, which has turned us all away from God. Sin is a moral sickness in human life, as real as the hand or the eye is a part of our physical life, and because of that moral sickness, calling for a helper, and because a helper has been vouchsafed, we are to turn to that helper and seek to have healing and recovery from our moral sickness. One little word describes it all, and that word trembled on the lips of Jesus when He was here: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Oh, what a world of meaning, of horrible meaning, is condensed into that one little word "lost!" And outside of Christ, that is the condition of mankind. If that could only be realized, how different would be our attitude towards sin and towards God, who would deliver us from sin's entrancing power. Oh, if that could be realized! One prayer, my fellow Christians, I adjure you to pray, as we gather here from evening to evening, and yonder at noonday in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium—one prayer: "Lord, open the eyes of men and women, that they may see, touch their hearts, that they may feel their absolute need of God!"

When I was a child—with awful vividness do I remember it—there went throughout the land a shuddering story that a little boy had been kidnaped away from his parents, had been stolen away from his home, had been lost to his loved ones. Not to my dying day can I forget the thrill of horror that day by day went through my childish heart as I heard them discuss it in our home, and heard the neighbors discuss it when they would gather, that a little boy had been lost to his parents. Somebody had stolen him away, and parents were resorting to every possible means to find out about that little fellow, that he might be recovered and restored to his loved ones. When the older people in the country home where I lived would come in from the farms, they would look for the latest paper, if haply they might find some word about that lost little boy—Charlie Ross. And mothers drew their little fellows nearer to them and watched them more closely, as they pondered the direful meaning of the losing from the home of a precious child.

Oh, if that truth could only be passed on and up, like it ought to be, to the realm of religion, and we could lay to heart like we ought what it means for the soul, for the self, for the personality, for the life, to be lost in the sight of God? When we turn to the Scriptures, they are as clear as the light on this momentous point.

I quote them now: "God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

I quote again: "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."

I quote again: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."

I am quoting again: "Marvel not that I said unto thee"—moral man though Nicodemus may have been, splendid in his position, cultured in his life—"marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again—except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

I am quoting again: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise

perish."

I am quoting again: "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

I am quoting again: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son—he may have joined the church, he may have been baptized, he may sit with others at the Lord's table, to partake of the emblems of Jesus' broken body and poured out blood—never mind, nevertheless, 'he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.'"

Salvation is by a person. It is not by a church. It is not by an ordinance, nor by a sacrament, nor by a creed, nor by a ceremony, nor by a form, however beautiful; nor by a man, however clever and pretentious. Salvation is by a person, and that person is none other than the Divine Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Whoever receives Him to be his Saviour is saved by Him. Whoever turns away from Him does not have spiritual life, but spiritual death.

Note further what is lost. What does it mean to be lost? When Jesus was here in the flesh, He asked the question, one of the most pungent that ever fell from His lips, indeed, if not the most pungent, and this was His question: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Whom was He talking about? He was talking about you. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world"—not simply this prosperous Tarrant county, not simply this progressive, fast-growing city of Fort Worth, not simply this imperial and powerful commonwealth, so dear to all our hearts; not simply this nation, first of all in the galaxy of nations; not simply this wide-spreading continent, with its measureless resources—"what shall it profit a man"—any man—"if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

2. Because Eternal Suffering Awaits the Unforgiven

What did Jesus mean when He talked about losing the soul? Well, I will tell you, first of all, one thing He did not mean. He did not mean, as is sometimes falsely alleged, that the soul of the wicked at death would go down into darkness and annihilation, to be heard of no more. He did not mean that. Jesus as thoroughly taught the immortality of the soul of the wicked as He taught the immortality of the soul of the believer in Christ. Immortality is never conditioned on character—never. If you shall die in your sins, going down into the grave and to eternity, without Christ, you shall consciously exist in the realm of waste and loss in another world forever, as really as the soul that trusts Christ and stakes all on Him shall go to live at His right

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That man who teaches the doctrine of the annihilation of the wicked is an enemy both to God and to men. Jesus as distinctly teaches the conscious immortality of the soul of the wicked in another world after this, as He teaches the conscious and blissful immortality of the righteous in the heavenly land, which He has gone to prepare for His friends. Oh, if death ends all, it is not such a serious thing to die! If death ends all, then this little life of ours is an awful bundle of contradictions. Would you say that the game is worth the candle, if we must suffer and be pained and have the soul swept with ten thousand vexations and disappointments and horrors, and then drop into the grave at the end of fifty or sixty or seventy years, or more or less, to be heard of no more forever? If that be all, is life's game worth the candle? Oh, my fellowmen, that is not all!

There is a death whose pang
Outlasts this fleeting breath.
Oh, what eternal horrors hang
Around one's second death!

One of the old Confederate soldiers told me of a young lad who went out from his community to the war of the '60's. The lad was barely grown. He would go to the war, and the mother pressed into his hands a copy of the New Testament, as on his forehead she pressed her lips, and tears and prayers were mingled as he bade him goodbye, urging him as he went to war to read that little book every day, and follow its precepts, and whether he should come back or fall on the field of battle, if he would follow the light of that little book, all would be well. And the old soldier told how the lad went into the war, and went into battle after battle, never reading the little book at all.

They were getting ready to go into one of the most awful battles of that fearful struggle, and the commanding officer was advising his men how to behave, and was saying: "You will play the men now. Many of you will not come back, but you will stand with your faces to duty." And this young fellow was seen with face pale like death, while some of the older men twitted him about his being afraid. They said: "They will about get you this time, lad, and you are afraid to die, are you? You are chicken-hearted, are you? You are afraid now, are you?"

And drawing the little Testament from his pocket where he had carried it, from the inner pocket, he said: "When I went

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away from home, Mother urged me to read this, and I meant to do it, and promised her I would, but I have never opened it. She said if I would follow its light and counsel, all would be well, but I do not know what its light and counsel are, for I have not read it. Now I am going into this battle with the awful apprehension that I may not come back again. No, men, I am not specially afraid to die," but then he added, with an awful ejaculation, "My God, I am afraid of what is coming after death, for I have made no preparation for it!"

Well might he fear. Well might he start back. There can be no sanity at all, there can be no reasonableness at all, in our coming to the end of the earthly life, and taking a leap into the dark all neglectful and unready and unprepared.

What did Jesus mean when He talked about the soul being lost? He meant the soul's separation from God—just that. "Every man shall go to his own place" when he leaves this world. The law of moral gravity is just as inexorable as the law of physical gravity. Every law of science and philosophy would utterly be disannulled if a man should not reap as he sowed. And if a man turns indifferently and neglectfully away from the claims and calls of God and goes the downward way, his portion must be of the kind of his own sowing. Jesus taught it. You are not willing to defy Him, are you? I am not. Where will you spend eternity? You will spend it just as is your relation to Christ Jesus while you are here in the flesh, on earth, in time. Surely, preparation for meeting God is a matter of transcendent concern. Teach us, oh, teach us, thou Friend Divine, the infinite importance of such preparation today!

II. How Prepare to Meet God?

But I pass to the second question suggested by the text: "Prepare to meet thy God"—how? In answer to that question, I may say that I know the day when you will be saved, if, indeed, you ever are to be saved. I know the day, because God reveals it here in His Holy Word. Listen to Him: "In the day that thou seekest me with thy whole heart, I will be found of thee." Listen to Him again: "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Oh, if this Thursday night the man, the woman, the child, is here who is wrong with God, who rises up with high hopes, saying: "This very Thursday night with my whole heart I will seek God," then this Thursday night you shall meet Him and be saved.

1. Honestly Repent of Your Sinful Way

There were two plain truths sounded out by Jesus and His apostles, the record of which is kept here for us in His Holy Word, and those two truths are set forth in the two pithy sayings: "Repentance toward God," and "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Here we are, with our moral sickness, with our lapse and defeat and loss and moral failure. Here we are, hostile and disobedient in the sight of God. Here we are, having violated God's law and transgressed His precepts. And He calls to us, saying: "Will you not repent of that evil way? Will you not turn from it? Will you not forsake it? Will you not renounce that evil way and leave it utterly behind? Not only will you be sorrowful for such evil course, but will you not translate that sorrow into action, and forsake the evil way and leave it behind?" That is, by repentance, to turn to God.

2. Trust Christ to Save You Today

And then, will you not by faith lean wholly and only upon Christ, the atoning Saviour for those who have sinned in the sight of God? Will you not commit yourself to that divinely given Friend, who came, himself the just, to make atonement for us, the unjust, that by His own atoning sacrifice He

might make us right with God? Will you not thus definitely by faith take Christ as your Saviour? Whoever comes, turning definitely away from the wrong course—and he may make such turning in one moment—and turning with absolute surrender to Jesus, the Divine Saviour—whoever comes like that to Christ, shall in that selfsame hour be forgiven and saved.

Oh, that it might be tonight, for every soul here present who is wrong with God! You set your heart to seek other things, and properly so. You set your heart to seek success in business, and properly so. You set your heart to mount the rung of the ladder of achievement, and properly so. You set your heart to reach a certain goal out there, noble and worthy, and properly so. Oh, I summon you, set your heart, by high resolve, that the greatest matter of all shall not be ignored and passed by and forfeited by you! Set your heart to seek God before it is too late.

III. When Prepare to Meet God? Now!

But we have another question suggested by this simple text: "Prepare to meet thy God"—when? I have asked you two questions: Why prepare to meet thy God? And then, next: How prepare to meet Him? And now I am coming with this third question: "Prepare to meet thy God"—when? Oh, solemn truth, there are limits that you must not pass, for if you pass them you do it to your own deadly and eternal undoing. "Prepare to meet thy God"—when? There are limits beyond which if you go, the battle for the soul is lost forever. The Bible is clear at that point. The Bible is all along reminding us of the eternal value of his probationary period called time, in the which period the highest things of the soul are to be seen to and to be determined upon forevermore. Oh, the tragedy of being lost just by waiting too long to make proper preparation for meeting God!

Were you ever yonder above Niagara? If you have been, some hundreds of yards above that roaring, plunging Niagara, you have seen a strange sign, flung out on either side of the river, as the river rushes to take that last awful plunge. You recall it as I speak of it. A plank with three ominous words is flung out on either side of the river, and you are arrested as your eye sees those words—just three: "PAST REDEMPTION POINT." The meaning of the words is ominous and evident. Oh, boatman, plying your little boat on the surface of that river, do not get below that sign! Oh, canoeist, floating idly and leisurely on the bosom of that river, do not get below that sign! For a little below the sign the river-bed falls, and the river rushes with the speed almost of the arrow let fly from the bow to take its fearful plunge over the awful precipice. Do not get below that sign. Somewhere in the journeying of a human soul there is that awful sign flung out: "Past Redemption Point." Soul, do not get below that sign! Do not get into that current below that sign!

When ought you to prepare to meet God? What does your best judgment say about it? When ought you to make this preparation for meeting with God? What does He, who was and is the incarnation of infinite wisdom, say to us in response to that question, When ought this preparation for meeting God to be made? He has just one message in answer to that question: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Since I came to this platform this evening, one passed up to me a tragic note saying: "Have a prayer for stricken parents, whose son was torn into shreds by a passing train, on the outskirts of this city, a few minutes ago." We breathe our most earnest prayer up into the ears of our gracious Lord, that He will comfort and heal the parental hearts torn by such a sorrow. The tragedy itself points simply the truth that I am now emphasizing—that in the unexpected hour, the blow falls; in the unexpected hour, the end comes.

Therefore, God tells us: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

When ought this preparation to be made? I come to affirm, on the authority of God's teaching, confirmed by all human experience, that today and now, every man and woman and boy and girl under the sound of my voice who is wrong with God ought to see about preparation for meeting God today and now. And why so? Let me give you two or three reasons. Judge ye yourselves whether these reasons are worthy the consideration of your best judgment.

1. Prepare Now That Your Life May Be Saved

You should make your preparations for meeting God today and now because you need that your life here and now should be saved. Did you think that I would say, in order that you might be prepared to die? I will say that, but not yet, for that does not come yet. That does not come first. Oh, men and women, there is not a human being before me or anywhere else competent to live life like it ought to be lived for one short second, if such being is in hostile array against God. You

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are not ready for any duty or any day or any experience, to meet it like you ought, if you are in wrong relations to God, if you are not positionized openly and honestly as the friend of God.

So I am coming to say that you should prepare to meet God now, in order that your life, your busy, responsible life, here and now may be saved—your life saved.

If I knew that twenty-five years from this Thursday night I would come back to this growing city, and be right on this same spot, and under a tent like unto this, and this vast concourse of people would be back, and nobody would be missing, and we would all have our wits about us and be in our right minds on that far-off night, twenty-five years from tonight; if I knew that on that night, far-off, when I made the call for you to decide for Jesus and surrender to Him, everyone of you would come then and surrender to Christ and be saved, yet would I pour out my heart to you this Thursday night, and say, Come now, that these twenty-five years may not be lost! Come now, that these twenty-five years may not be given to Satan. Come now, that your influence may not be positionized against Heaven and Christ and all that is dearest and highest

and best. Come now, that your life may be saved to the right side. Come now, that your influence may be positionized where it ought to be. You can no more be separated from your influence over others than you can separate yourself from your shadow as you walk in the glowing sun. Come now, that your influence may be saved! Oh, what do some men and women mean, whose influence is all against Heaven and God and the highest life? What do they mean?

Years ago, a man was converted under my ministry in my city, after he had reached the age of some sixty-eight years, and then for the year or two afterward that he was spared, his devotion to Jesus was something to the last degree inspiring. Some months after his conversion, I noticed him at a morning service, profoundly agitated, and when I dismissed the people he tarried at his pew and continued to sob like a heart-broken child. I went around quietly to him, when the people had gone, and asked him to explain his strange and seemingly uncontrollable emotion, and he said: "Why, man, it was your sermon, your sermon!" And then I remembered my text: "No man liveth to himself." No man can live to himself. We are taking people up or down with us every day. We are making it easier or harder for people to get to Heaven every day we live.

"It was your sermon, sir," he said, and then he said: "I am the sad proof of the tragedy of a wasted influence. I came at sixty-eight to Christ, and as I came to this church house this morning, I came by the home of my three sons and I begged each one of these sons to come to church with me, and they all shrugged their shoulders and faintly essayed to smile and said: 'We guess, Father, that we will start to going to church when we get to be about sixty-eight.' Then I tried their sons, some of them coming into young manhood, my dear grandchildren, and they looked at one another with a wink, and said: 'Grandpa, we guess we will start to going to church when we are about sixty-eight or seventy.'"

The old man said: "I came on without child or grandchild. I am myself, sir, the awful proof of the tragedy of a wasted influence." Then he rose up and looked at me with a pathos I can never forget, and stretched out his strong arm and said: "I would have that arm severed from my shoulder if I could turn time backward and live my life over again—if I could undo my wasted influence." And then, with a sob never to be forgotten, he said: "Sir, I would be willing to have my head severed from my body, if I could go back and teach my little boys by example how a Christian father ought to live." Oh, the tragedy of wasted influence!

A little boy slept with his father after the mother had died, and one night the little fellow

awakened his father by his pitiful sobbing—this little six-year-old son—and the father said: "Why, my boy, why do you sob?"

And the little fellow did not wish to tell him, but the father urged him to tell him, and presently the little fellow said: "It was a bad dream, Papa."

And then the father said: "Tell me what it was."

And the little boy said: "I would rather not, Papa. It is about you."

The father, of course, was curious now, and said: "Tell me, my boy, what it was."

The little fellow said: "It is about what you have done to me. I do not think I can tell you."

Then the father coaxed him and mothered him, and said: "Tell Papa about it."

And the little fellow said: "Papa, I dreamed that you, my own papa, had your hand to my throat, and were choking me to death."

God pity us, that is not a dream! I know parents who are doing that with the souls of their children. Sometimes it is a strong father, and he would lay down his life for the welfare of his child, and yet he has the grip of his parent's influence around the throat of that child's soul, and the child is missing the upward way. Sometimes it is a mother. O God, and can it be? The highest dignity allowed to a human being is the dignity of motherhood, and can it be that a mother, on whose heart God lays a precious child for the mother to love and to guide—can it be that the mother goes her way, forgetful of the highest, and in those plastic days influ-

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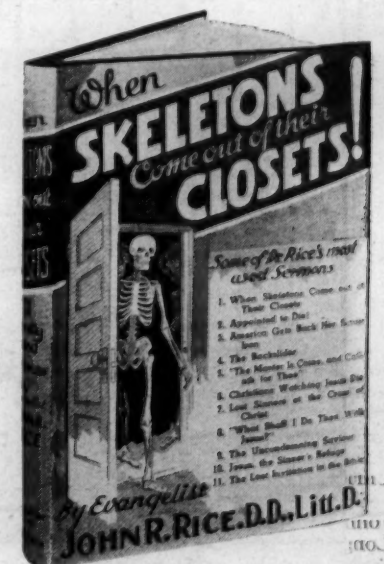
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Song of Solomon 5 and 6 The Bridegroom Takes His Bride

Here is a tender and beautiful love story. The great and mighty King Solomon, who exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom (I Kings 10:23) has taken a bride. She is lowly. Her brothers and sisters have hated her (15:5, 6). She is very conscious of her unworthiness. But the great king loved her, and reached down, and made her his own wife. These eight brief chapters of the Song of Solomon tell us of his everlasting love for her, and of her sweet responses to his love.

There is another Bridegroom. He is King of Heaven and Earth. He reached down from Heaven, and took a bride full of imperfections. Ephesians 5:25-28 tells us of Him: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but it should be holy and without blemish."

In the first few verses of chapter five we read of the sweet communion between the bride and her husband. Then suddenly, in verse 6, she finds him gone. She calls, but gets no answer. For a season, the Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus, has been taken away. And while He is gone, the church will suffer persecution (vs. 7). But He is coming again soon, and the bride must watch for His coming.

Under the searching gaze of the Bridegroom, the bride could feel very unworthy. But because the Bridegroom gave Himself to cleanse her and sanctify her, to Him she is "my love, my dove, my undefiled" (5:2). When Jesus sees us, robed in the garments of His righteousness, He sees us perfectly pure, perfectly holy. Surely He is altogether lovely!

Clues Across

- 1, 35 "_____ is my beloved, and _____ is my friend, O daughters"
- 4 "Yea, he _____ altogether lovely"
- 6 "I sleep, but _____ heart waketh"
- 7 "_____ ever I was aware, my soul made me"
- 9 "for I _____ always those things that please him" John 8:29
- 10 "look from the _____ of Amana, from the top of Shenir" Song of Sol. 4
- 11 "if any man will _____ thee at the law, and take away thy coat" Matt. 5
- 12 "Every place that the _____ of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given" Josh. 1
- 14 "my _____ waketh: it is the voice of my beloved"
- 16 "my _____ had withdrawn himself, and was gone"
- 18 "clear as the sun, _____ terrible as an army"
- 19 initials of Isaac's wife and father (Gen. 24:67; 1-4)
- 20 "Open to _____, my sister, my love"
- 21 "not only idle, but _____ (s) also and busybodies" I Tim. 5
- 23 "how shall I put _____ on?"
- 24 "whereof every _____ beareth twins"
- 25 "Turn away thine eyes from me, for _____ have overcome me"
- 28 head covering
- 31 "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God _____ off?" Jer. 23
- 33 "came behind him, and touched the _____ of his garment" Matt. 9
- 35 see 1 across
- 37 "I am my beloved's, and my beloved _____ mine"

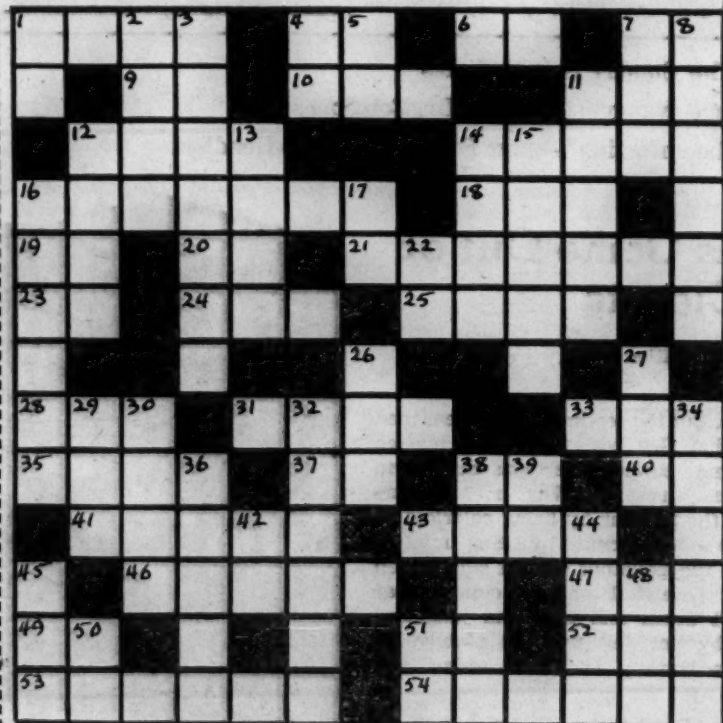
- 38 "Thou art beautiful, O _____ love"
- 40 initial of town attacked by ruler of Israel, and the ruler who was hit by millstone thrown by a woman (Judg. 9:22, 50, 53)
- 41 constrain
- 43 "His _____ are as the eyes of doves by the rivers"
- 46 "Let us get up _____ to the vineyards" Song of Sol. 7
- 47 tide flowing back to the sea
- 49 fourth tone of the scale
- 51 "it hath consumed _____ of Moab, and the lords of the high places" Num. 21
- 52 snake-like fish
- 53 "eat, O _____ (s); drink, yea, drink abundantly"
- 54 "I _____ you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved"

Clues Down

- 1 "I rose up _____ open to my beloved"
- 2 "Is this man Coniah a despised broken _____?" Jer. 22
- 3 The king who wrote these love songs picturing Christ and His bride (Song of Sol. 1:1)
- 4 "As _____ were the company of two armies"
- 5 "what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost _____ charge us?"
- 7 "what shall we do for _____ sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?" Song of Sol. 7
- 8 "O Shulamite; _____ that we may look upon thee"
- 11 "Wherefore look ye so _____ to day?" Gen. 40
- 12 "Thou shalt make a mercy _____ of pure gold" Exod. 25
- 13 "Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are _____ shorn" Song of Sol. 4

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- 15 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to _____ into the holiest by the blood" Heb. 10
- 16 "his belly is as _____ ivory overlaid with sapphires"
- 17 initials of two names for the woman whom Peter raised from the dead (Acts 9:36)
- 22 "_____ the end it shall speak, and not lie" Hab. 2
- 26 "Or ever I _____ aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Ammi-nadib"
- 27 "washed with milk, and fitty _____"
- 29 son of Abdiel (I Chron. 5:15)
- 30 "my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable _____" Ps. 69
- 32 "my head is _____ with dew"
- 34 "His legs are as pillars of _____"
- 36 "my soul failed when he _____"
- 38 "my fingers with sweet smelling _____ upon the handles"
- 39 "_____ tell him, that I am sick of love"
- 42 son of Jose (Luke 3:28, 29)
- 44 a prophet (I Sam. 9:9)
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James H. McConkey

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mon at the two Sunday morning services at the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix by Dr. Poling on February 12, 1961. After some forty-seven years in the Presbyterian ministry, and as chaplain in two world wars, Dr. Poling was interim minister of the First Presbyterian Church at Phoenix.

Dr. Poling's statement read in the two crowded Sunday morning services of the First Presbyterian Church at Phoenix and published, brought a tremendous reaction, nearly all of it favorable. And so he, in answer to many requests, prepared an expanded statement, which is now widespread.

We publish here Dr. Poling's first statement and his expanded statement, both condensed. They are condensed for two reasons. First, we do not agree that Presbyterians should stay in the United Presbyterian Church and support modernistic schools and leaders in that church, just as we do not believe that people should stay in any other denomination which has modernistic seminaries and schools and leaders, and support those institutions and men. The Bible clearly forbids us to yoke up with unbelievers. We are not to bid Godspeed to those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ. And so the appeal of Dr. Poling to men to stay in the United Presbyterian Church and help get it out of the National Council of Churches, is omitted.

The second reason is that we are crowded for space, and so we take out paragraphs that are not pertinent to the principal issue here, the modernism, the wicked unbelief in Christ and the Bible, and the anti-American, socialistic, pro-communist leaning of the National Council of Church leaders. On these matters Dr. Poling is eminently right. This distinguished and famous preacher has boldly taken a good stand on the National Council of Churches and so here we publish his original statement, condensed, and his expanded statement following.

The subheads have been inserted by the editor for easy reading.

Now Dr. Poling's first statement follows and then after that the expanded statement in that order.

DR. POLING'S FIRST STATEMENT

A prepared statement read after the sermon at both Sunday morning services in the First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona, by Dr. Charles S. Poling. (February 12, 1961)
(slightly condensed)

This church, and our denomination as well, faces a most serious time of decision. The question to be resolved will shape the whole future life and ministry of our church here in Phoenix and our United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

The present situation has grown to such proportion that to avoid losing a quite substantial number of present loyal and contributing members, I now am persuaded that I must declare my position—a position I am persuaded is shared by a majority of our members and a large proportion of the laity and clergy of our denomination. I have been besieged with telephone calls, members seeking conferences, personal visits from many, and a large volume of mail. The questions are direct and in-

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sistent and in a temper to demand a straight answer—a clear and positive statement. I have decided that to refuse to make my position clear will result in serious and most damaging loss to this church in membership and income. This statement is not a defense of my personal convictions but a statement designed to save this church from great and damaging loss.

Against Dr. Eugene Carson Blake's World Church Proposal

First:

I am unalterably opposed to the "Proposal" made by the Stated Clerk of our General Assembly, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in a sermon delivered December 4, 1960, in Grace Cathedral (Episcopal), San Francisco, California. I am in no mood to do as he suggested, depart from "the traditions" of our church. Without reservations, I subscribe to the constitution, beliefs, and Polity of the United Presbyterian Church U. S. A. and am proud of her history and traditions. I never have had, nor do I now have, a desire to destroy her nor allow her to lose her identity, per se, through organic union with other denominations mentioned and other communions to be overturned later.

I have only the highest respect and regard for these other denominations and believe that they are of God and that under God have their important place and mission in the great and united Army of Christ and believers.

We have but to study the record of what happened in Canada when such a union was forced and made effective. The dream of one great United Church was never realized, but bitterness, division, and continuing communions of those who refused to be absorbed. These continuing groups lost their church property but they remained true to their separate traditions; and their present strength and greatness is testimony of their faith and belief that God is not hearily as interested in largeness and quantity as He is in quality and a church that will remain true to her pilgrim character and the interpretation of His Gospel as God gives them to see and understand it.

Personally, I shall oppose with every power at my command any effort and movement designed to destroy the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. This "proposal," this movement, would do exactly that.

Why Opposed to N.C.C. and W.C.C.

Second:

I am opposed to the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches as now constituted and presently operating. Just as there is a move toward World Government and the destruction of all America stands for and holds dear, so through these bodies there is an effort to create an organically United Protestantism, probably presided over and ruled by a hierarchy and headed by an Exalted High Potentate.

The National Council has presumed to be the voice of thirty-eight million protestants, which is a false claim.

The National Council has allied herself with communist fronts and advocated ideologies, and sponsored movements, directly opposed to our free way of life and Republican form of government. All too often she has been seen marching with the forces of communism. She has advocated and urged the

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admission of Red China to a seat in the United Nations (A nation that slaughtered thirty million of her own people.); she has opposed the Bricker Amendment (designed to safeguard America and our American way of life); she has opposed the right-to-work laws; worked for the repeal of the Connally Reservation (designed to protect our Constitution); she insists that the riots at the San Francisco City Hall during the hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee was not communist inspired but rigged—when the opposite has been proved.

These are but a few of the many un-American and, to me, un-Christian, actions she has taken.

Here, I have given you my heart convictions; here I have stated my position.

AN EXPANDED STATEMENT

by Dr. Charles S. Poling, D.D., Retired

United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Since Sunday, February 12, 1961, when I read my "Prepared Statement," we have been deluged with letters, telephone calls and wires. With but a few exceptions these have come from laymen. Fewer than a dozen had adverse criticism to offer. Our correspondence came from every section of America. More than ever I am convinced that Christians have at long last come alive to the peril we face and are frightened. It is heartening, also, to realize that Christian America is now in no mood to temporize but is determined to do something about it.

In practically every communication the question, insistent and strong, is "What can we do about it? Can you give us further information and advice?" We have recommended study groups of, by, and for laymen in the pattern of the Phoenix Committee of Christian Laymen. (The pattern of this organization has been described by the interdenominational board in the introduction to this "Statement.")

The answer now rests with the laymen. Our ministers have had abundant opportunity to lead in this crusade against the Godless forces of communism and to part company with the National Council and World Council of Churches which, by the indisputable record, have given aid and comfort to the atheist communist conspiracy. In my first statement I charged that "the National Council had allied herself with communist fronts and advocated ideologies and sponsored movements directly opposed to our free way of life and Republican form of government." I here and now repeat that charge. To date no one has come forth with valid evidence or proof that my charges are false.

An effort has been made to discredit me. Numerous attacks have been directed at me personally, but in not one instance have my charges been proved to be false nor in error. I have never charged any minister with being a communist nor do I make this charge now. I do however know that many leaders of the National Council have been listed by the House Committee on un-American Activities as being members of communist fronts, or as having been members of communist fronts. It is not my duty nor business to prove or establish the validity of these charges. It seems to me that it is the duty of the ministers so charged, if innocent, to clear their names and the good name of the church.

N.C.C. and Communism Join Forces

Personally, I find it impossible to play on the same team with an organization that joins forces with

communism. Practically all of our National Council leaders shout to high-heaven that they hate communism but their official pronouncements have them following the communist line.

The communists are against the Bricker Amendment—so is the National Council; the communists are opposed to the Connally Reservation—so is the National Council; the communists are eager to kill Selective Service—so is the National Council; the communists want a ban of nuclear testing—so does the National Council; the communists are against the Right to Work Laws—so is the National Council; the communists have sought to discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.—the National Council joins them on this front; the communists seek to abolish the American loyalty—security laws—so does the National Council. The communists want recognition of Red China by the U. S. and her admission to a seat in the U.N.—so does the National Council—(And knowing well that this nation slaughtered over thirty-million of her own people, gives millions of acres to the culture of the opium poppy with which to corrupt her own and the peoples of the world, rather than convert this land to the raising of grain that her starving millions may be fed.) The Communist, (with rape and slaughter in his heart) pleads for peaceful coexistence—the National Council joins in this plea.

There is more, much more, but is it necessary to document more? As always, the National Council will insist that such action was that of "a study group" or a "committee" but the National Council does not in one instance come forth with an official repudiation and until she does the world will accept these actions as that of the National body. We heartily agree with a resolution passed, May 16, 1961, by the Session of the more than 6,000-member First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, California—"Pronouncements are made by the National Council on matters which are not religious but political, matters on which intelligent Christians have widely divergent views and opinions; . . . particularly they have made pronouncements advocating precisely the things sought by the communists . . . and in opposition to the movie 'Operation Abolition'."

Why Do National Council Leaders Defend San Francisco Riot?

For some reason this last has been banned by most of our Protestant churches. Is there something evil here? Is there something here that will make our people less Christian and less determined to defend our American way of life? Is this film a doctored piece of propaganda? Let's take a close look. Seven ministers who were eye witnesses—H. O. Van Gilder, D. D.—Arno Q. Weniger, D. D.—George Moore—Don Watson—Roy H. Watson, D. D.—Roy Austin, D.D.—Dean Wm. G. Bellshaw—G. Archer Weniger, D.D., united in a statement as follows:

"Inasmuch as the communist conspiracy has launched a massive attempt to discredit this film, we ministers who were eyewitnesses to this horrifying development locally, wish to certify that this film is a true and accurate representation of the activities of the hearings. The commentary is truthful. The film is not 'doctored.' The sound-track is not distorted. The left-wing charge that the film is a forgery is a manifest lie. While the original film was probably five hours in length, much was a repetition of the obstructionist tactics of the subpoenaed witnesses. Nothing was eliminated which would show rioters in any better light."

Mr. Hoover gives the FBI report of how the riot was carefully prepared by the Communist Party

over a period of time and executed with such brilliant success by Frank Wilkinson, Archie Brown, Merrill Brodsky, Ralph Izard, Saul Wachter and others. These men are admitted and listed communist leaders. Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco has come forth with a lengthy statement testifying that the film is factual and accurate. He says: "I believe the film speaks for itself. If these people had not disrupted these meetings, if they had not challenged the police, if they had not violated the law, there could have been no need for police action. Known communists, and I repeat this emphatically, known communists were in the lead of this demonstration."

Modernist Leaders of N.C.C. Advise Treason

When communism is breaching the walls of the U. S. of America, the last citadel of freedom, why will ministers play patsy with the enemy? Is this an extravagant charge in the light of documented evidence? Listen to this. The National Council has recommended, on the subject of U. S. subordination to the will of the United Nations the following: "We believe citizens should prepare themselves for such an eventuality. It would not then be an undue shock to public opinion, since people would have a more mature view, better able to interpret democracy at work on a world scale, with the benefits as well as the risks that the extension of democracy always entails." In plain English, let's give the communists all of the marbles.

However this follows the National Council pattern. In Nybrok, Denmark, August 23, 1959, when officers of the National and World Councils defined what Christians should do about the threat of atomic war: "If all-out war should occur, Christians should urge a cease fire, if necessary, on the enemy's terms, and resort to non-violent resistance."

Of course this is in harmony with the propaganda spread by one of the Council's high officers of several years ago, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt who wrote: "If Protestantism should turn to a fuller social gospel it would mean not only a denunciation of war but the severance of any connection with it. It would mean not only willingness to be imprisoned rather than invoke a blessing on armies in the field, but it would mean a withdrawal of chaplains from service with the Army and Navy. IT WOULD SEEK THE OVERTHROW OF THE PRESENT CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM. THERE ARE THOSE WHO FEEL THAT THE PROFIT MOTIVE IS WRONG (MARX, ENGELS, LENIN, STALIN, KRUSCHEV AGREE) AND THAT THERE CAN NEVER BE HAPPINESS FOR MANKIND UNTIL THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM GIVES WAY TO SOME CO-OPERATIVE SCHEME . . . IT MIGHT MEAN REVOLUTION. THERE ARE THOSE WHO, WHILE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WOULD NOT HESITATE TO USE FORCE IN THE OVERTHROW OF AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH THEY REGARD AS UN-CHRISTIAN AND VICIOUS." How can a Christian, how can any man who loves his America and freedom be a party to high treason as black as this?

Infidel Bennet Approves Communism

Dr. John C. Bennett, Union Theological Seminary, fair-haired boy of the NCC and World Council, offered this resolution which was adopted by the World Council at Amsterdam in August, 1948. I quote: "Communism wins power because it has much truth in its teachings, because it appeals to the loyalties and not primarily to cynical self-interests of man . . . as he (the Christian) studies communism he finds many things to approve in it. I refer to such things as communist criticism of many features of capitalism and imperialism, the communist practice in regard to racial discrimination, the COMMUNIST GOAL OF A CLASSLESS SOCIETY, the generous motives that inspired many people to give themselves to communism with selfless commitments. Then there are many ele-

ments in communist propaganda at a given time that may appeal."

The Proposed "World Church" Is Unscriptural, Unneeded

I am saddened and alarmed at the growing movement among our clergy to depart from our historic traditions and beliefs and to substitute this so-called Social Gospel for belief in and the preaching of the virgin birth, salvation through works of social service and action rather than through a sacrificial cross. More and more we are come to promotion of boards and agencies, organization and more organization. Also this worship of procedure rather than the act of holding fast to that which is true and good in life is characteristic of the liberal socialistic line. We exhaust ourselves and treasure and neglect to call men to repentance. Multitudes who are hungry for the "bread of life" and thirsty for "the wells of salvation," leave God's house unsatisfied and unsaved.

I never have had, nor have I now, a desire to destroy my church nor to allow her to lose her identity per se, through organic union with other denominations, as advocated by Dr. Blake, and recently by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

It is frightening to see the drift toward a World Church—to be known (they suggest) as the Holy Protestant Catholic Church—This title to distinguish it from the one other remaining church, The Church of Rome. A world government, a world church, one-third of this world based on slavery, socialism or communism! I shall continue to oppose with every power at my command any effort and movement designed to destroy your church and mine. The Blake "Proposal" would do exactly that.

Christian Laymen Are Losing Confidence in Modernistic, Socialistic N.C.C. Leaders

I have been an active minister for forty-seven years. Not too long ago the churches had a most satisfactory missionary program but to believe the National Council we did little-or-nothing and were eternally embroiled doing battle with one another. We certainly are not free from strife under the present program. Each year our churches are losing thousands of consecrated, paying members. This exodus should alarm our church leaders and prompt us to take a second look.

But our losses seem to cause our clergy little concern or worry. Those leaving are branded as "fanatics" and "trouble makers." But so were the early Christians. We might profit by taking a look at the source of this unrest. I have taken that "second look" and have discovered that mostly these people have grown weary, have come to rebel against the growing superior attitude and manner of our clergy . . .

It is not the laymen that are demanding that we depart "from the traditions" of the church and church fathers. It is difficult for me to understand why the clergy will fly to the defense of the National Council when that body is under attack and, all too often, be reluctant to oppose those who deny the fundamental and basic beliefs upon which the Christian church is founded. One can refuse to affirm his belief in the virgin birth of Christ and still remain in good standing in the church; he can pronounce portions of the Book "a myth," insist the miracles ascribed to Christ as never having been performed, and still retain his standing among the brethren. Has the NCC become another golden calf that we are called to accept as sacred and worship?

Criticize and call to an accounting the National Council and you face a united front—the trumpets sound and the clergy mobilize. I challenge the leaders of our churches to allow a plebiscite. Since the laity pay salaries and are responsible for all moneys received, is it improper that they have the opportunity to say whether or not they wish a house-cleaning or a withdrawal from the National Council? The conditions we face today are most frightening.

The National Council says, "We do not speak for the church but to the church." This is a contra-

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as inspired in the Bible sense as infallibly given of God.

Price \$4.00, Oxford Press.

THIS . . . I BELIEVE, The Essential Truths of Christianity, by Ivor Power from Wales. This is an American print of a Marshall, Morgan and Scott edition in England. There are chapters on the Bible, the deity of Christ, eternal security, the Holy Spirit, prayer, evangelism, the Second Coming, etc. It is written with evangelistic charm, many illustrations, is interesting and helpful. There are 222 pages, price \$2.50, published by Zondervan.

diction of the Council's record when striving to influence legislation. Further, what leads the Council to believe that the average church will invite and welcome those who actually have no official authority to tell us as ministers and churches when and how to vote and act? A reasonable person would think that our church leaders would soon be prompted to take a second look at an alliance that is losing for our church large and substantial numbers of members, and financial support.

Three years on the road holding missions in nearly every state of the union revealed to me that people leaving our churches are hungry for the simple and whole Gospel once preached from our pulpits. Grown weary of futile pleas, they have withdrawn and associated themselves with non-member communions. It is for the church I plead, it is for a return to the evangelistic fervor and Gospel message of the First Century Church that I strive.

But the National Council of Churches majors in direct political action and threatens our representatives with a club which they claim is the voice of 37 million or more Protestant church people. Their activities have brought our Christian fellowship shame, embarrassment and disunity.

We have only scraped the surface of the ugly, muddy pool of documented evidence against the National Council and World Council of Churches. Can any unprejudiced and thoughtful Christian remain complacently undisturbed in the light of these facts? The evidence is a matter of record. I charge that the National Council of Churches is leading us down the road to Socialism and that she, unless halted by the Christian laymen, will destroy our churches and that destruction will mean the destruction of America as the last citadel of freedom. This is our hour of decision—the choice between Christ or atheism.

Further, as Christians we must decide whether we will continue to hold sacred the protections given in our Constitution and specifically that God-inspired First Amendment guaranteeing the separation of church and state. Let the church through this apostate organization continue to meddle in the affairs and matters purely political and civil and the day will come when the state will take over control of the church in true communist style. As in the churches behind the Iron Curtain, the clergy will become puppets and hirelings of the state and not prophets of God and the Christ who, some of us still believe, was "conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary," the Christ who is very God. Let us renew our vows of loyalty and rededicate our lives and substance toward the advancement of His cause, the glorification of His name, and the preservation of His church.

After forty-seven years as an active pastor (a chaplain in World War One and Two) Dr. Poling resigned from active pastoral work as of June first. He is now retired to his home—Sunset Hills, Wickensburg, Arizona. He is under contract to Symbol Records, and will remain active in writing and, in special preaching and speaking engagements.

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Getting Ready to Meet God

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ences her children so that they go the downward road rather than the upward?

I am pleading to you tonight for your life. You will not face life like you ought to face it; you will spoil it, you will mar it, you will debauch it, you will prostitute it, you will defile it, if you dare to go your way without God.

2. Prepare Now That You May Be Ready to Die

Now I am going to say that second word. You should make your preparation for meeting God now in order that you may be ready for life's end, when such end shall come. And when shall that end come? No angel above us knows when that end shall come. It may come before midnight tonight. It may come before the Lord's day shall dawn. It may come with the glad some ringing of the Christmas bells at the next holiday time. When shall I take that journey down into the valley of the shadow? Only God knows. Not all of us will be here when the chimes of the Christmastide shall sound so sweetly in expectant ears. I am coming to say, my fellowmen, that there is no wisdom in our going our way to that inevitable end, and then taking a leap into the dark without preparedness, without readiness. There is no wisdom in that. Be ready for the time of your departure from earth. Be ready.

3. Prepare Now, Lest Your Heart Be Hardened So You Will Never Come

Give heed, I pray you, to this other word: Every day you delay making your return to God, by that much do you add to your difficulty about ever coming. Therefore, should our interest be keyed to the highest for the young people. Oh, how I covet these boys and girls in their teens, and just beginning their teens! How I covet every one of them for God! Wisdom has fled from God's people if they do not put forth their efforts to save the people while they are young. It is God's time. Listen to Him: "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." The voice of God's Book, confirmed by all experience, is that in the morning of life, this biggest question of all—right adjustment to God—should have proper settlement—in the morning of life.

Remember it, my fellowmen; remember it, my young people—every day that you delay your coming to God do you add to your difficulties about ever coming at all. Every day that you delay, you increase and strengthen your difficulties. If a man will not do a thing for a while, then by a law psychological, and physiological as well, after awhile he cannot do it.

If through some freakish fancy I should have this arm tied to my body for a dozen years, refusing to use it, and at the end of those years I should say: "Cut the cord and watch me lift the ax and bring down the trees in the forest, as I used to do when a boy," it would be found that I could not lift the ax at all. I would be helpless and impotent to lift that ax at all. I would not lift it—I refused to use it, now I cannot.

If through some fancy I should have my eyes bandaged and keep them in the dark for a dozen years, and then say to my friends: "Remove the bandages now, and watch me read as once I read from the book or the paper," you might give me the book or the paper, but I could not read at all. So long was I determinedly and positively in the darkness that light fled away. Every day that a human soul trifles with God's light and turns the back on God does such soul add to its danger and difficulty and make its probability of salvation less and less and less.

In my city years ago, as I rode to a funeral with one of our well-known citizens not a Christian, a man for whose salvation I had yearned, God knows, with a yearning inexpressible, he said to me, as we came back from the funeral, for he was quite reminiscent—we

had buried his dear friend—he said: "A strange thing has happened to me, and I do not know how to explain it." Then he added: "When you came to Dallas years ago, I heard you often on Sunday morning, and many a time I went away so stirred that I did not enjoy a mouthful of my mid-day meal Sunday. But I went my way, saying: 'This matter of religion will get my attention by and by, but I am preoccupied; I am too busy now.' And I have heard you on and on, but less and less, as the years passed. I heard your words awhile ago," he said, "as you stood by the bier of my dear friend, and there was no emotion at all, that I could find in my heart. I have reached a strange place, and that place is that I have no feeling at all, none at all. I do not know what has happened."

I did not tell him what had happened to him, and yet I think I know. The Scriptures are clear as the light that a human soul can trifle with light, and can resist God, and can refuse, and can protest, and can defer, and can wait, until after awhile the human conscience is seared as with a hot iron, and no more is there feeling for such duty-neglecting and light-forgetting soul—no more. There comes in a solemn song that our parents used to sing when some of us were little tots about their knees. Maybe I can quote that solemn song. Oh, the depth of its meaning!

There is a time, I know not when,
A place, I know not where,
Which marks the destiny of men,
To Heaven or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,
Which crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.

To cross that limit is to die,
To die as if by stealth.
It may not pale the beaming eye,
Nor quench the glowing health.

The conscience may be still at ease,
The spirits light and gay,
That which is pleasing still may please,
And care be thrust away.

But on that forehead God hath set
Indelibly a mark
By man unseen, for man as yet
Is blind and in the dark.

And still that doomed man's path below
May bloom like Eden bloomed.
He did not, does not, will not, know,
Nor feel that he is doomed.

He feels, he says, that all is well,
His every fear is calmed.
He lives, he dies, he wakes in Hell,
Not only doomed, but damned.

Oh, where is that mysterious bourn,
By which each path is crossed,
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn,
That he who goes is lost?

How long may men go on in sin?
How long will God forbear?
Where does hope end, and where begin
The confines of despair?

One answer from those skies is sent:
"Ye who from God depart,
While it is called, To-day, repent,
And harden not your heart."

My message is done. I have a question to ask you before I go. How many of you men and women have made preparation for meeting God? And by that I mean simply this, turning away from yourself you have turned to Christ and are trusting in Him only and utterly as your Saviour. How many of this large throng of people can personally say: "Sir, I have made that preparation. I have heard Christ's call. I have yielded myself to Him. I am trusting alone in Him as my Saviour?" Every man and woman and child in this press of people who can say: "I have made that preparation, sir, already," lift high your hand just now. [A sea of hands went up.]

Oh, isn't it a sight to move our hearts! It looked to me as if almost every hand was lifted.

Blessed be God! And yet I must ask another question. Are there men and women in this gathering tonight who could not in conscience lift their hands, thus witnessing that they are on Christ's side? Are there men and women listening to me who say: "Oh, sir, I am wrong with God and know it. I could not lift my hand. I am wrong with God and know it." In the church maybe, or out—a professor of religion once, or maybe never such—but your heart says this: "I am wrong with God and know it. I could not lift my hand a minute ago, but I would lift it on this, that I am wrong with God and know it, and I wish to be right with God, in His own time and way?" We will offer our most fervent prayer for you in a moment, ere we go. Do you say: "I lift my hand on that. I am wrong with God and know it, and I wish to be right with Him, and I wish you and all these who pray to offer a prayer for me that I may be right with God, in His own time and way. I would lift my hand on that?"

As I look this audience over for a minute, do you lift your hand? There where I am pointing, I see you, my brother, and you, dear lady. As I am pointing there to the left, does the hand lift, saying: "That includes me"? Where I am looking yonder, does the hand lift, saying: "That includes me"? I see you, sir. Oh, sirs, breathe a prayer to God to bless these men and women. I see you, lady, and still another, and still another over there. Back to the rear, does the hand lift there, clear to my right? I see you, gentlemen, numbers of your hands.

Oh, that tonight you would end your delay! Listen to Jesus: "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." Listen again: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." And again: "To-day, if ye hear his voice, harden not your heart."

The Closing Prayer

Take the service, we pray thee, our Heavenly Father, into thine own gracious keeping, and turn it even as thou wilt. Oh, we cry unto thee, our Father, in the dear Saviour's name, in behalf of these interested men and women and children, who this night have said to us: "We are consciously wrong with God, but wish to be right." How we covet them and long for them, that without delay they shall just surrender, simply and honestly, to Christ, that He may be their Saviour and Master. Teach them by thy Spirit that waiting has in it nothing but peril. Teach them that by every worthy motive that can move serious people to a great step, now, without delay, they should decide for Christ. May Thy Word be bound upon their hearts, where thou sayest: "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out"; and where thou sayest: "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"; and where thou sayest: "Commit thy way unto the Lord. Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." Oh, may these men and women and children, wrong with God, but wishing to be right, know, because God shall teach them, that it is Christ's business to save, but it is theirs to surrender to Him, entirely to Him, that He may save in His own way. May they make that surrender even this very night, before they sleep. And if in this throng there were others who did not witness to their interest about being saved, and yet who are interested, we pray that their interest may be deepened, until speedily they shall find Christ. And if in this place there is one whose heart is not touched with any sense of interest touching personal religion, oh, may the Divine Spirit take of the things of Christ and convict such soul of the supreme and urgent need of Christ's forgiving grace. Take the whole audience now into thine own gracious care, and lead us as thou wilt. How we bless thee that such a vast number of the people present are able to make the great confession that Christ is their Saviour even now. May each one go who loves Christ, and speak the word to whom and as Christ would have the word spoken, that others may be helped by us in the hours and days just before us, and helped in the highest and best way. Take

this family, stricken with sorrow this very evening, and bind up their hearts with God's own healing comfort and grace.

And now, as you go, may the blessed Holy Spirit brood over you all, and may the love of the Father, and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be granted you all and each, to abide with you forever. Amen.

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You have read the wonderful sermon by the late Dr. Truett. Don't you agree that it is foolish not to prepare to meet God? If you are a lost sinner, I beg you here and now, repent of your sin, turn your heart to Jesus Christ and trust Him to forgive you and save you now, today!

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